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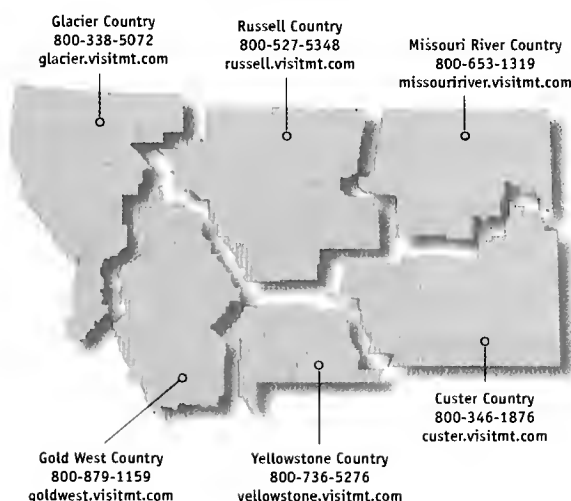
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Looking for a fantastic getaway this winter? Montana is filled with winter wonders. Join us for skiing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, and more. But remember, winter is only 25% of the year; we have three other seasons filled with exciting things to see and do. Visit us in the spring, summer, and fall for fun in the outdoors (rafting, mountain biking, camping, hiking, fishing, wildlife watching) and entertainment in the indoors (museums, galleries, shopping, concerts). Plus, seasonal celebrations throughout the year mean you'll never be far from unique events such as festivals, Indian powwows, rodeos, and more. We at Travel Montana are here to help you plan your trip with guides on camping, lodging, attractions, events, and recreation. And on behalf of everyone here in Big Sky Country, we look forward to hosting you soon.

Check out Travel Montana's winter website at wintermt.com for daily ski reports, weather, events, celebrations, attractions, and a variety of winter activities. You'll also find information on skiing (downhill and cross-country) and snowmobiling.



For your convenience, we have divided the state into six vacation regions, each with attractions and scenery that live up to its name. For more specific information on a particular region, please contact the countries listed above.

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Some call Montana Heaven. Maybe because we're covered in white.

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Pine trees look as though they've been dusted with powdered sugar.

Gorgeous mountain landscapes sparkle in the sunlight. And although there's a nip in the air, you won't find a warmer welcome anywhere. Except maybe in heaven.

Start with some wildlife watching. On unfrozen lakes and rivers, look for ducks, Canada geese, swans, and bald eagles. On land, you can spot deer, elk, bighorn sheep, and other creatures. But please don't approach

How to get to our snow.

Amtrak
800-872-7245
www.amtrak.com

Big Sky (Northwest Partner)
800-237-7788
www.bigskyair.com

Delta/Delta Connection
800-221-1212
www.delta.com

Horizon Air
(Northwest Partner)
800-547-9308
www.horizonair.com

Northwest Airlines
800-547-9308
www.nwa.com

SkyWest (Delta Connection)
800-453-9417
www.skywest.com

United Airlines/United Express
800-241-6522
www.united.com

them. Wildlife need to store their reserves for the winter.

Why limit the fun to downhill skiing, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling? Skate on an outdoor rink. Check out local events such as winter carnivals, ski-joring, sleigh rides, and dog sled races. Or, explore our museums, galleries, resorts, restaurants, shopping centers, and more—all ready for your stay.





Downhill Skiing. Just you and a few billion flakes.

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With 16 downhill ski areas, we're certain to have something that's right for you, from destination resorts to day-use areas. Maybe you'd even like to go to school; our downhill areas offer lessons for first-timers and old pros alike. Plus, snowboarders and telemark skiers are welcome at every Montana ski

DOWNHILL DATA

On Montana's downhill ski slopes, you'll be treated to plenty of snow, plenty of trails, plenty of space... plenty of everything. We're the nation's fourth-largest state, so we have lots of room for all that snow and terrain. In fact, if you decided to ski all of Montana's downhill ski areas, you would end up with a lot of ground to cover:

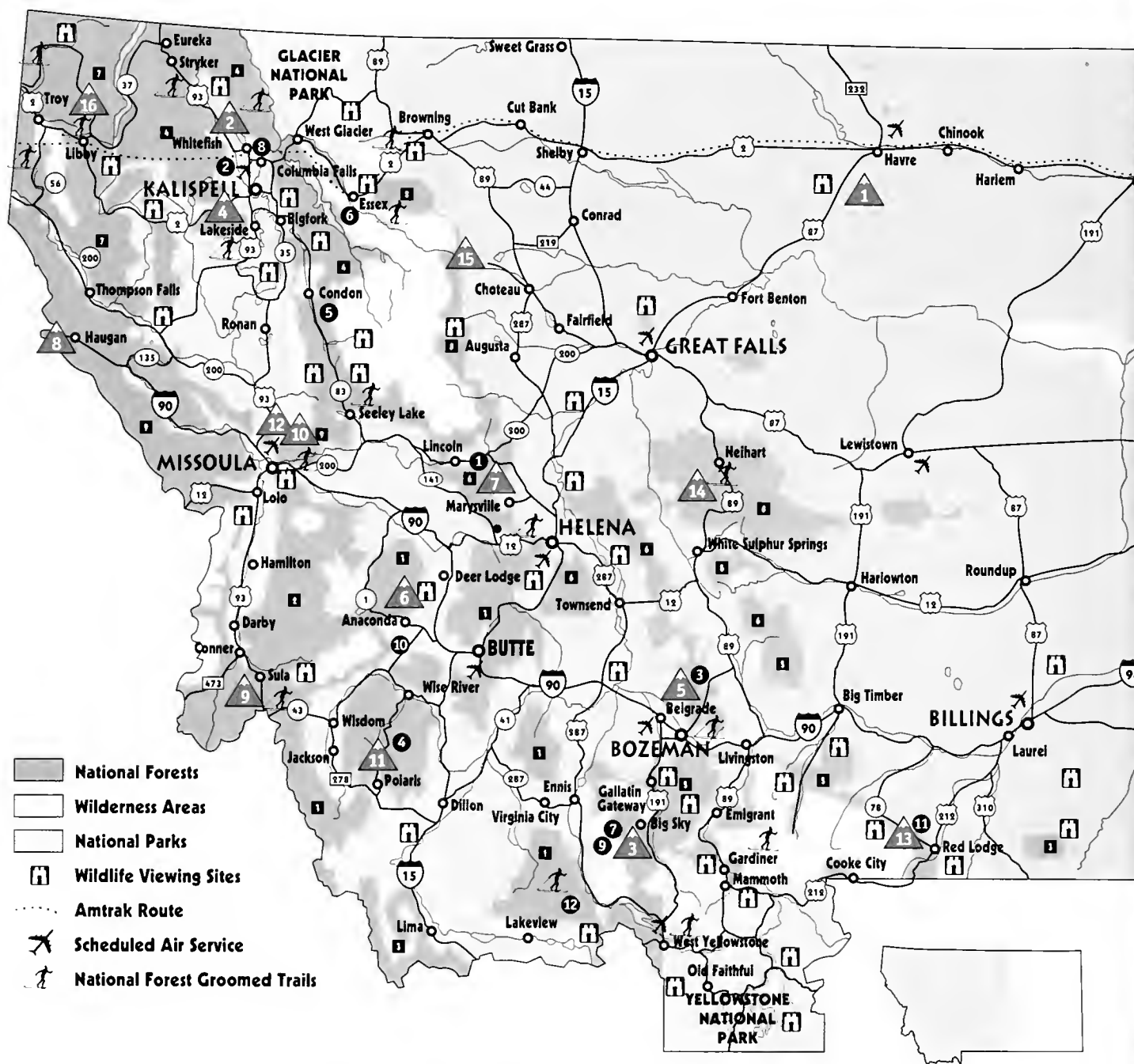
- 14,000+ acres of skiing. That's more area than 10,000 football fields.
- 790+ runs. If you tried one run each day, it would take more than 1 1/2 years of non-stop skiing to finish.
- 84 lifts. That's enough to move 70,000 people an hour. At that rate, it would take only about 13 hours to give the entire population of Montana a chairlift ride.

area (we're like one big family here). But of course, you can't spend all of your time on the mountains. Eat, drink, and be merry in one of our fun-filled ski towns. Go for a horse-drawn sleigh ride on your way to an elegant dinner. Or, just melt into a comfy couch and sip cocoa.



Opposite: Skier (Scott Spiker). Above: Family fun (Gordon Wiltse), last ride (Chuck Hancy), cat skiers (Scott Spiker), furniture races (Scott Spiker)

Downhill Areas and Groomed Cross-Country Areas



GROOMED CROSS-COUNTRY SKI TRAILS

(See pg. 24 for details)

NATIONAL FORESTS

- 1** Beaverhead-Deerlodge N F
- 2** Bitterroot N F
- 3** Custer N F
- 4** Flathead N F
- 5** Gallatin N F
- 6** Helena N F
- 7** Kootenai N F
- 8** Lewis & Clark N F
- 9** Lolo N F

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- 10** Mt. Haggin Nordic Ski Area, p. 24
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- 12** Wade Lake Resort, p. 24

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Map provided for general information only.
Consult the Montana Official Highway Map
for accurate and detailed information.

Downhill Ski Area Quick Reference Chart

		AVG. SNOWFALL (IN.)				VERTICAL DROP	BASE ELEVATION	TOP ELEVATION	LIFT CAPACITY/HR.	LIFTS*	RUNS	% BEGINNER	% INTERMEDIATE	% ADVANCED	ADULT RATES**	CHILDREN RATES**	SNOWBOARDING
1	Bear Paw Ski Bowl Havre 406-265-8404	140	900	4,200	5,280	720	1D	25	25	25	50	\$15 ††	8 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area 29 miles S of Havre, along Amtrak route on Rocky Boy Indian Reservation; full services in Havre.		
2	Big Mountain Whitefish 406-862-1900 Fax 406-862-2955 www.skiwhitefish.com	335	2,500	4,500	7,000	13,800	1Q 2DQ 1D 4T 3S	85	25	50	25	\$47 ††	\$34 6 & under free	Yes	Full-service destination resort in NW Montana, on Amtrak route and served by Delta, Northwest, and Horizon airlines, near Glacier National Park.		
3	Big Sky Big Sky 800-548-4486 Fax 406-995-5001 www.bigskyresort.com	400	4,350	7,500	11,166	20,000	1TR 1Q 4T 3DQ 5D 1G 3S	150+	17	25	58	\$58 ††	\$46 10 & under free†	Yes	Full-service resort and conference center between Bozeman and Yellowstone National Park; open summer and winter.		
4	Blacktail Mountain Lakeside 406-844-0999 Fax 406-844-0990 www.blacktailmountain.com	250	1,440	5,236	6,676	3,900	2D 1T 1S	24	15	70	15	\$27 ††	\$18 7 & under free	Yes	Day-use area 14 miles W of Lakeside, open Wed.-Sun. 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Open holidays. Lodge with restaurant, lounge, cafeteria. Rentals, ski school.		
5	Bridger Bowl Bozeman 800-223-9609 Fax 406-587-1069 www.bridgerbowl.com	350	2,000	6,100	8,100	7,300	1Q 4D 2T	60	25	35	40	\$35 ††	\$13 5 & under free†	Yes	Destination area with plenty of skiing and full services in the nearby university town of Bozeman; close to Yellowstone National Park.		
6	Discovery Basin Anaconda 406-563-2184 Fax 406-563-7036 skidiscovery.com	210	1,680	6,470	8,150	7,300	3T 3D	46	20	55	25	\$28 ††	\$13 5 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area near Anaconda, cafeteria, lounge, sales and rentals, cross-country trails; Fairmont Hot Springs Resort 30 miles E, steepest lift-served terrain.		
7	Great Divide Marysville 406-449-3746 Fax 406-443-0540 greatdividemontana.com	150	1,503	5,730	7,233	3,550	5D 1S	130	10	40	50	\$29 ††	\$14 5 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area 20 mi. NW of Helena; cafeteria, bar, restaurant, night skiing, snow-making. Open bowl, trail, and tree skiing on 1,600 acres; full accommodations in Helena.		
8	Lookout Pass Ski Area Saltese 208-744-1301 Fax 208-744-1227 www.skilookout.com	385	850	4,800	5,650	2,000	1D 1S	18	25	50	25	\$22 ††	\$16 6 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area 50 feet from I-90 on Montana-Idaho border. Thurs.-Sun. 8-5 and holidays. Lodge with bar, food, rentals, lessons, cross-country, snowshoeing.		
9	Lost Trail Powder Mtn. Conner 406-821-3211 Fax 406-821-3508 www.lostrail.com	300	1,800	6,400	8,200	1,925	4D 3S	40	20	60	20	\$22 ††	\$12 5 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area S of Missoula on the Montana-Idaho border; lodging nearby.		
10	Marshall Mountain Missoula 406-258-6000 Fax 406-258-2900 www.marshallmtn.com	150	2,000	3,900	5,900	3,000	1D 1T 2S	29	15	65	20	\$19 ††	5 & under free†	Yes	6 miles NE of Missoula, expanded day/night skiing for all abilities and family fun, adaptive ski programs, rentals; hourly lift tickets; free shuttle from Missoula Wed.-Sun.		
11	Maverick Mountain Dillon 406-834-3454 Fax 406-834-3540 www.beverhead.com/maverick	180	2,020	6,500	8,520	700	1D 1S	24	20	40	40	\$21 ††	\$13 5 & under free†	Yes	Day-use area W of Dillon; open Thurs.-Sun.; discounted lift tickets Thurs. and Fri.; nursery available/reservations requested.		
12	Montana Snowbowl Missoula 406-549-9777 Fax 406-327-8614 www.montanasnowbowl.com	300	2,600	5,000	7,600	3,400	2D 2S	37	20	40	40	\$31 ††	\$13 5 & under free†	Yes	Regional destination area outside of Missoula; vertical drop attracts extreme skiers but there's plenty of variety for other skill levels.		
13	Red Lodge Mountain Red Lodge 406-446-2610 800-444-8977 www.redlodgemountain.com	250	2,400	7,016	9,416	10,690	2DQ 4D 1T 1S	69	15	55	30	\$38 ††	\$15	Yes	Destination area with expanded skiing, family fun, and full services in the fun-loving, Western town of Red Lodge.		
14	Showdown Ski Area Neihart 800-433-0022 Fax 406-236-5523 www.showdownmontana.com	240	1,400	6,800	8,200	3,000	1T 1D 2S	34	30	40	30	\$29 ††	\$17 5 & under free	Yes	Day-use area S of Great Falls; expanded lodge, kids programs and day care, rentals include skis, snowboards, snowblades, snowrunners, and snowbikes.		
15	Teton Pass Choteau 406-466-2209 http://www.skitetonpass.com	300	1,000	6,200	7,200	700	1D 1S	26	20	50	30	\$22 ††	\$12 5 & under free	Yes	Day-use area; rentals, lessons, lounge, and concessions; services in Choteau; open Fri.-Sun. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. and holidays, or by appointment. Snowmobiling trails nearby.		
16	Turner Mountain Libby 406-293-4317 www.libby.org/skiturner	250	2,110	3,842	5,952	500	1D	20	10	20	70	\$22 ††	\$17 6 & under free	Yes	Day-use area 22 miles N of Libby in MT's NW corner, warming hut and snack bar, services in Libby, rentals; Fri.-Sun. holidays by appointment.		

Lifts: * TR=tram, DQ=high-speed detachable quad chair, Q=high-speed quad chair, G=high-speed detachable gondola, T=triple, D=double, S=surface **Rates subject to change †with paying adult ††Senior rates available

The D.R.E.A.M. Disabled Ski Program on Big Mountain. Adaptive ski program for individuals with disabilities. Individualized one-on-one ski instruction, free use of adaptive ski equipment, and lessons by appointment. Call Big Mountain at 406-862-1817 for information.

Eagle Mount Ski Program—Adaptive ski program for people with special needs, offered at Big Sky, Bridger Bowl, Marshall Mountain, Red Lodge Mountain, and Showdown. Both downhill and cross-country skiing are taught on a one-on-one basis at Big Sky and Bridger Bowl: 406-586-1781; Marshall Mountain: 406-549-3797; Red Lodge: 406-245-5422; Showdown: 406-454-1449.



BIG MOUNTAIN Resort

800-858-4143

LOCATION

8 miles north of Whitefish, 23 miles north of Kalispell, in northwest Montana.

GETTING HERE

Amtrak to Whitefish from east and west. Delta, Northwest, and Horizon Air to Glacier Park International Airport, Kalispell. Transfers from airport and train depot available with confirmed reservations. Rental cars and taxis available.

SEASON

November 28, 2002–April 13, 2003.
Open daily 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Night skiing mid-December–March.
Friday and Saturday, 4–9 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

85 marked runs, 3,000 acres on the Flathead National Forest. 25% beginner, 50% intermediate, 25% advanced.

LIFTS

Quads 2 detachable, 1 fixed grip
Chairs 4 triple, 1 double
Surface 3

RATES

Adult \$47
Junior (7–18) \$34
Senior (62+) \$39
Child (6 and under) Free
Night skiing \$14
Lower Lift Ticket (Chairs 2 and 3) .. \$26
Multi-day, group rates available.

RENTALS

Adult package starts at \$22/day
High-performance equipment, snowboards, telemark, cross-country equipment available. Ski shops on the mountain offer clothing and equipment.

INSTRUCTION

Group, private, skill-builder, snowboard,

PO Box 1400

Whitefish, MT 59937

Reservations: 800-858-4143
or 406-862-1900

Snow Phone: 406-862-SNOW

Fax: 406-862-2955

E-mail: bigmtn@bigmtn.com

Web: www.skiwhitefish.com

Northwest Montana's Big Mountain is a family-friendly resort famous for snow ghosts, unsurpassed views, and a laid-back environment. The resort caters to skiers and snowboarders of all ability levels—from impeccably groomed slopes with views of Glacier National Park, to the steep, rocky, and glades that will keep your head down. And it's all within 19 miles of Glacier Park International Airport.

Base Elevation 4,500 ft.

Top Elevation 7,000 ft.

Vertical Drop 2,500 ft.

Longest Run 3.4 mi.

Lift Capacity.. 13,800 skiers/hr.

Average Snowfall 335+ inches/yr.

telemark, and cross-country lessons. Specialty clinics include Women's Week and snowboard camp.

FOOD & DRINK

Several restaurants and saloons on the mountain. Summit House features views of Glacier Park.

LODGING

Ski-in/ski-out lodging for up to 1,500 guests at 7 properties on the mountain. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 44 or call 800-858-4143.

CROSS-COUNTRY

16 km of groomed trails on the mountain, adjacent to Outpost Lodge. Rentals available.

SNOW CAT SKIING

Guided Cat skiing trips offered to some of the best powder in the Rockies. Four hours of heavenly powder skiing are available for a nominal fee.

JUST FOR KIDS

Day care, kids' ski school, and free skiing for children under 6. Children 12 and under stay free in all on-mountain lodging properties.

EVENTS

Doug Smith Western Region Downhill Series, Whitefish Winter Carnival, Clydesdale-drawn sleigh rides, sleigh ride dinners, furniture races, snowtubing, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, Friday family fun nights, moonlight dine and ski.

PACKAGES

Lift and lodging packages start at \$60 per person, double occupancy, early season, one night's stay.



Chuck Henry



BIG SKY Resort

800-548-4486

LOCATION

U.S. Hwy. 191, 45 miles south of Bozeman.

GETTING HERE

Delta/SkyWest, Horizon/Alaska, United, or Northwest Airlines to Bozeman. Shuttles meet most major flights. Rental cars and taxis available.

SEASON

Mid-November to mid-April.
Open daily 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

150+ trails on 3 mountains. 3,600+ acres on private land. 17% beginner, 25% intermediate, 58% expert. Snowmaking on 10% of terrain.

LIFTS

Trams 1
High-Speed Quads 3
Gondolas 1
Chairs 5 double, 4 triple, 1 quad
Surface 4

RATES

Adult \$58
Youth 11-17 \$46
Child 10 and under
(2 per paying adult) Free

RENTALS & SALES*

Adult start at \$27/day
Child start at \$19/day
Snowboard \$34/day
Snowshoe \$15/day
Telemark \$27/day
Helmet (child only) \$5/day
Many on-mountain shops. Multi-day discounts available. *Rates subject to change.

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, snowboard, telemark, powder, moguls, advanced/extreme and camps (children and adult).
Group lessons start at \$38/half-day

1 Lone Mountain Trail

PO Box 160001

Big Sky, MT 59716

Reservations: 800-548-4486
or 406-995-5000

Snow Conditions: 406-995-5900

Fax: 406-995-5001

E-mail: info@bigskyresort.com

Web: www.bigskyresort.com

With over 3,600 acres of exceptional terrain, 400 inches of annual snowfall, and a high-tech, high-volume lift system,

Big Sky offers its guests an unparalleled ski experience. Add slopeside accommodations and the nation's first national park as its next door neighbor, and you have the ingredients for a world-class vacation right here in southwest Montana.

Base Elevation 7,500 ft.
Top Elevation 11,166 ft.
Vertical Drop 4,350 ft.
Longest Run 6 mi.
Lift Capacity 20,000 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 400 inches/yr.



Learn-to-ski package \$63
(rental, half-day lesson, beginner lift)

FOOD & DRINK

21 restaurants, 15 night spots. Gourmet sleigh ride dinners, dancing, ski movies, gaming, and free apres-ski children's activities.

LODGING

Full accommodations on the mountain. More than 650 rooms and condominium units. Conference center, shops, pools, spa, and restaurants. Regular shuttles connect lodging and ski areas. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 44.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Lone Mountain Ranch, world-class Nordic resort. Daily shuttles to Yellowstone National Park for cross-country skiing and wildlife viewing.

JUST FOR KIDS*

Small Fry Try for ages 3-4 gives a 45-minute introduction to skiing. \$31/session. Day Camps for ages 4-17 combine skiing and activities, starting at \$45.

*Rates subject to change.

EVENTS

Torchlight parades on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve; Saturday night firework displays Christmas through March 29, 2003; Easter sunrise service; medical seminars, ski club groups, snow-cross events.

PACKAGES

Great Ski Weeks specials: \$221 includes 3 nights lodging in the Huntley Lodge, 2 days of skiing, daily breakfast buffet, taxes, and service fees per person based on quad occupancy. Valid 11/27-12/25, 2002, 1/3-1/17, 2003, 3/29-4/6, 2003. Two children 10 and under per paying adult ski, stay, and eat breakfast free in the Huntley Lodge.



BLACKTAIL MOUNTAIN Ski Area

LOCATION

U.S. Highway 93, 45 minutes from downtown Kalispell and 2 hours north of Missoula, west of Lakeside on Blacktail Mountain Road.

GETTING HERE

Delta, Horizon Air, and Northwest Airlines to Glacier Park International Airport, Kalispell. Amtrak to Whitefish from east and west. Highway 93 from Missoula or Kalispell. Rental cars and taxis are available.

SEASON

December to mid-April. Open 9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays and holidays. Christmas—every day through holiday period.

TRAILS & SLOPES

24 named trails, 70 acres of gladed tree skiing. 1,000 acres on Flathead National Forest. 15% novice, 70% intermediate, 15% expert. All natural snow on north-facing slopes.

LIFTS

Chairs..... 1 triple, 2 double
Surface 1 handle tow

RATES

Adult \$27
Junior (13–18) \$18
Child (8–12) \$12
Child (7 and under) Free
Senior (over 70) Free
College Students (with college ID) .. \$20
Rates discounted Thursdays except holidays. Group rates available.

406-844-0999

PO Box 1090

Lakeside, MT 59922

Reservations: 406-844-0999

Fax: 406-844-0990

E-mail:

skiing@blacktailmountain.com

Web:

www.blacktailmountain.com

Montana's newest ski area is affordable and family friendly. Located high above Flathead Lake in northwest Montana.

All slopes are north facing and present consistent snow through mid-April.

Base Elevation 5,236 ft.
Top Elevation 6,676 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,440 ft.
Longest Run 1.75 mi.
Lift Capacity..... 3,900 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 250 inches/yr.

RENTALS & SALES

Rental equipment for adults and children. Skis, snowboards, demo/performance skis all available at our shop on the mountain.

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, telemark, snowboarding, group or private lessons, beginners, advanced, children or adults.

FOOD & DRINK

One cafeteria and one full-service restaurant—Main Lodge.

LODGING

Nearby Lakeside-Somers, Kalispell and Bigfork. See directory on page 44.

CROSS-COUNTRY

40 km of groomed trails on national forest land just minutes from Blacktail Mountain Lodge.



Dave Reece





BRIDGER BOWL

LOCATION

16 miles northeast of Bozeman.

GETTING HERE

Airport only 30 minutes away. Delta, United, Horizon Air, or Northwest to Bozeman. Call 800-223-9609 for ski package with discounted airfare. Car rentals—most major companies at airport. Motel shuttle offered several times daily from most Bozeman motels: \$6 round trip.

SEASON

December 7–April 6.
Open daily 9 a.m.–4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

More than 69 named runs with expansive bowls, powder glades, winding trails, and groomed slopes covering 2,000 acres on the Gallatin National Forest. 2,000 vertical feet of lift-served terrain with 500 additional vertical feet on nearly 400 acres for the adventurous expert on Bridger's "ridge." Avalanche transceiver (457 khz), shovel, and skiing partner required. One third of lift-accessible skiing groomed. 25% beginner, 35% intermediate, 40% advanced.

LIFTS

Quads 1
Chairs 4 double, 2 triple
New beginner's area with Snowflake triple chair. Perfect for first-time skiers and snowboarders. New triple chair lift replaced old double chair on Pierre's Knob in 2001-02.

RATES

Adult (13–64) \$35
Multi-day (3+ days) \$32/day
Senior (65–71) \$29
Senior (72 and over) Free
Child (6–12) \$13
Child (5 and under) Free

800-223-9609

15795 Bridger Canyon Road
Bozeman, MT 59715

Reservations: 800-223-9609
or 406-586-1518

Fax: 406-587-1069

Snow Phone: 406-586-2389

E-mail:

skitrip@bridgerbowl.com

Web: www.bridgerbowl.com

Explore a big mountain with short lift lines, long runs, and big bowls. This nonprofit ski area is ranked consistently as one of the top values in the nation.

Base Elevation 6,100 ft.

Top Elevation 8,100 ft.

Vertical Drop 2,000 ft.

Longest Run 3 mi.

Lift Capacity 7,300 skiers/hr.

Average Snowfall 350 inches/yr.



RENTALS & SALES

Ski package \$20/day
Snowboard package \$30/day

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, telemark, and snowboard.
Group \$25/1.5 hrs.
Private \$50/1.5 hrs.

FOOD & DRINK

Two cafeterias; full-service bar and grill; food service, beer, and wine at mid-mountain lodge; many fine restaurants in Bozeman.

LODGING

Central reservations for lodging, air, car rentals, lift tickets for individuals and groups. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 44.

JUST FOR KIDS

Day care (18 months–6 years); "First Tracks" (ages 4–6) includes lesson, lunch, day care, and ski rental (full- and half-day rates). Call 800-223-9609 for prices.

EVENTS

Torchlight Parade & Fireworks, December 30; Kinetic Challenge, February 15; Wild West Shred O'Fest, March 1–2; Pinhead Classic Telemark Race, March 22; Bridger Bowl Bump-Off Freestyle Event, March 23.

PACKAGES

Ski and lodging packages as low as \$39/day ALL SEASON. Powder Hound Package: buy 3 days skiing and 3 nights lodging and get the 4th day and 4th night FREE—ALL SEASON.



DISCOVERY SKI AREA FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS RESORT

A great find in the beauty of southwest Montana, Discovery boasts an extensive diversity of terrain. From a variety of beginner and intermediate slopes to the thrills of the extreme on the backside, there is something for everyone at this family-oriented ski area.

LOCATION

23 miles west of Anaconda at Georgetown Lake.

GETTING HERE

Fly SkyWest or Horizon to Butte. From Missoula on I-90 to Drummond, then to Philipsburg via Flint Creek Hill; or from Butte via Anaconda.

SEASON

November–April. Open 7 days per week from 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

46 runs. 20% beginner. 25% intermediate. 30% advanced. 25% expert. Plenty of snowboard air.

LIFTS

Chairs 3 triples, 3 double

RATES

All day adult \$28
All day child (6–12 years) \$14
5 and under (with adult lift ticket).... Free
Senior (65 and over) \$14
Half-day (12:30 p.m.) \$20
Easy chair \$8

RENTALS & SALES

Complete rentals and sales including boards and high-performance skis.

FOOD & DRINK

Full-service cafeteria and bar.

**Discovery 406-563-2184
Fairmont 800-332-3272**

Discovery Ski Area
PO Box 221
Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2184
Fax 406-563-7036

Web: www.skidiscovery.com

Base Elevation 6,470 ft.
Top Elevation 8,150 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,680 ft.
Longest Run 2 mi.
Lift Capacity 7,300 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 210 inches/yr.

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, snowboard, beginner, advanced, adults, children, and special men's and women's programs. First-timers packages include lift ticket, rentals, and lessons. Private and semi-private lessons.

LODGING

Nearby Anaconda and Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Ski Vacation Packages.

CROSS-COUNTRY

5 km of groomed and untracked trails.

FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS RESORT

1500 Fairmont Road, Fairmont, MT 59711

Reservations: 800-332-3272 Fax: 406-797-3337

E-mail: fairmontmt@aol.com Web: www.FairmontMontana.com

Fairmont Hot Springs Resort features 2 Olympic-size pools and 2 soaking pools (open 24 hours to registered guests), all filled with natural hot springs water, plus Montana's only year-round 350-foot waterslide. The perfect spot to end a day of skiing or snowmobiling by soaking, relaxing, or treating yourself to a therapeutic massage.

PACKAGES

Ski and Slide Package: 2 days skiing/2 nights lodging for 2 people plus 4 waterslide passes, \$279 per twosome. Call 800-332-3272 or visit www.FairmontMontana.com. (Package price is \$229 if you ski 2 days, Tuesday–Wednesday or Wednesday–Thursday and stay at Fairmont 2 nights Monday–Thursday.) Package not available December 24, 2002–January 1, 2003 or February 14–17, 2003.





GREAT DIVIDE

406-449-3746

LOCATION

1-15 Exit 200 between Helena (23 miles) and Great Falls (95 miles).

GETTING HERE

Fly Delta, Horizon, SkyWest, or Big Sky to Helena. 1-15 Exit 200. Highway 279 west to Marysville Road.

SEASON

Lower mountain opens by early November. Upper mountain, Rawhide Gulch, and Wild West open by Christmas. Season typically ends by mid-April. Open Wednesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays 9 a.m.–4 p.m. Open daily through holiday week.

TRAILS & SLOPES

HUGE! Over 130 named trails on 1,600 acres. Nicely groomed lower mountain features snowmaking, night lights, and a big half-pipe. Terrific terrain on upper mountain features cornices, cliffs, chutes, and glades. Rawhide Gulch new in 2000. Wild West Adventure Area new in 2001.

LIFTS

5 double chairlifts and FREE learning tow.

RATES

Adult (weekend/holiday) \$29
Adult (non-holiday weekday) \$19
Student
(grades 9–12/college/military) \$24
Youth (grades 6–8).....\$19
Child (grades 1–5) \$14
Preschool Free with adult

PO Box SKI

Marysville, MT 59640

406-449-3746

Snow Phone: 406-447-1310

Fax: 406-443-0540

E-mail:

kevin@greatdividemontana.com

Web:

www.greatdividemontana.com

A tremendous mountain with more than 130 named trails.

Lower mountain fun for everyone with a free beginner's tow, half-pipe, snowmaking, and night lights on nicely groomed runs. The upper mountain features classic slopes and trails on the Main Mountain, huge open expanses, cornices and cliffs in Rawhide Gulch, and new-school backcountry-type terrain in the Wild West Adventure Area.

Base Elevation 5,730 ft.

Top Elevation..... 7,233 ft.

Vertical Drop 1,503 ft.

Longest Run..... 3 mi.

Lift Capacity..... 3,550 skiers/hr.

Average Snowfall 150 inches/yr.

RENTALS & SALES

Shaped ski sets, step-in snowboard sets, and skiboard sets.

Students and adults \$20

Children \$15

Demos (Dynastar, Atomic, and Volkl).... \$30

INSTRUCTION

First time free! Skiing, snowboarding, skiboarding. Complimentary lesson and free rope tow.

EZ 1-2-3: get going at a great rate! 3 days, 3 lift tickets, 3 equipment rentals, 3 lessons. For first-time skiers and riders (1st grade through adult)...all for an amazing \$49.

Personal instruction (one-on-one with the ski or snowboard pro of your choice) is \$25/hour or \$50 for 3 one-hour sessions.

FOOD & DRINK

Base Lodge Cafeteria, Sundeck Hut, Continental Club Restaurant & Bar.

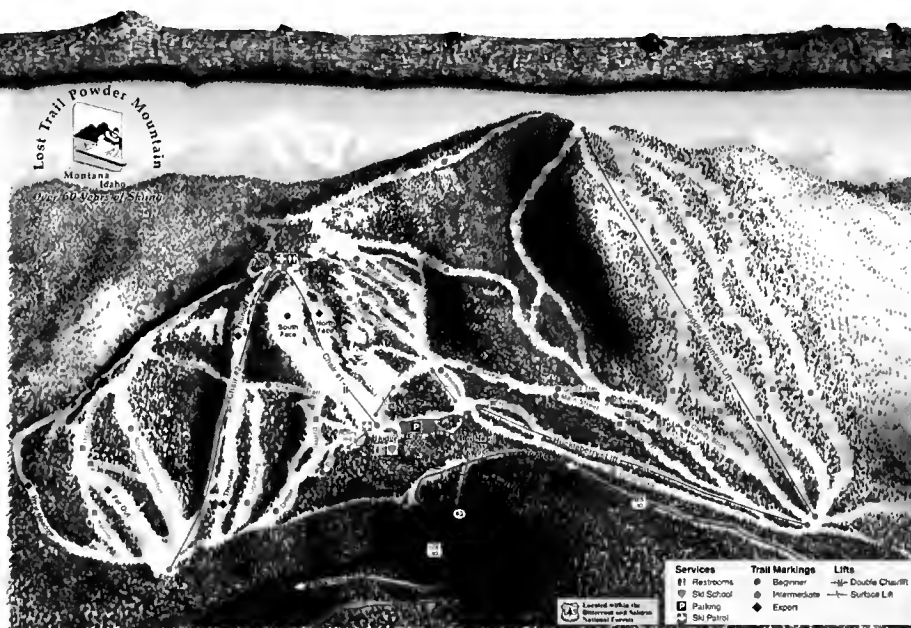
LODGING

Full range including most national chains available in Helena (23 miles). Contact Helena Area Chamber of Commerce at 406-442-4120 or www.helenachamber.com. Several bed & breakfast cabins in Marysville (1 mile).

PACKAGES

Low-cost lift tickets and lots of lodging options for the most economical ski vacation anywhere!





LOST TRAIL POWDER MOUNTAIN

LOCATION

U.S. Highway 93, 90 miles south of Missoula. Highway 93 is well maintained.

GETTING HERE

Delta, Horizon Air, and Northwest to Missoula. Car rentals available at airport.

SEASON

December–April.
9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
Thursday–Sunday and holidays.
Christmas—Every day through Christmas holiday.

TRAILS & SLOPES

40 runs and trails on the Bitterroot National Forest. 20% beginner, 60% intermediate, 20% advanced.

LIFTS

Chairs 4 double
Surface 3

RATES

Adult \$22; \$17 half-day
Youth (6–12) \$12; \$8 half-day
Child (5 and under) Free
Rope tow \$3
Senior (70+) Free

RENTALS & SALES

Downhill package \$15/day
Snowboard package \$25/day
Waxing and tuning available.

406-821-3211

PO Box 311
Conner, MT 59827
24-Hour Snow/Message Phone:
406-821-3211
Contact Phone: 406-821-3742
Fax: 406-821-3508
E-mail: ski@losttrail.com
Web: www.losttrail.com

Well known for reliable snowfall and consistently good snow conditions, Lost Trail straddles the Montana-Idaho border in the breathtaking Bitterroot Range of the Northern Rockies.

Base Elevation 6,400 ft.
Top Elevation 8,200 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,800 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 mi.
Average Snowfall 300 inches/yr.



INSTRUCTION

All levels of ski and snowboard lessons for kids and adults available. Also available: EZ 123 program, telemark lessons, All Mountain Kids program, Women's Only program, and group lessons.
Private \$30/hr.
Learn-to-ski package \$30
Learn-to-board package \$35

FOOD & DRINK

Excellent cafeteria including locally brewed beers and wines at Day Lodge. Great quality with family-minded prices.

EVENTS

Mogul Freestyle Competition in February, Ski Patrol Steak Fry & Dance in March, great spring skiing and our Classic Cardboard Race & Customer Appreciation BBQ in April. We also host the Special Olympics in January and a snowmobile hill climb in April.

LODGING

Local lodging available. See website or call 406-821-3211 for more information.



MAVERICK MOUNTAIN

LOCATION

40 miles west of Dillon in the Beaverhead National Forest.

GETTING HERE

Fly SkyWest or Horizon to Butte. South on I-15 to Exit 59. West on Highway 278 for 25 miles, then north for 13 miles on the Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway.

SEASON

December–April. Tentative opening December 7. Open daily for Christmas holidays. Beginning in January, open Thursday–Sunday and holidays from 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

TRAILS & SLOPES

24 runs on 850 acres. 20% beginner, 40% intermediate, 40% expert.

LIFTS

Chair 1 double
Surface 1 handled tow

RATES

All-day adult \$21
All-day child (6–12) \$13
Child (5 and under) Free
Non-holiday Thursday/Friday \$13

RENTALS & SALES

Complete rental packages of skis and snowboards.

INSTRUCTION

Alpine and snowboard.
Private \$22/hr.
Learn-to-ski package \$25
Learn-to-board package \$30

FOOD & DRINK

Home-style cooking in cafeteria and beer and wine in friendly Thunder Bar.

406-834-3454

PO Box 460475
Polaris, MT 59746
406-834-3454
Fax: 406-834-3540
Web:

www.beaverhead.com/maverick

Base Elevation 6,500 ft.
Top Elevation 8,520 ft.
Vertical Drop 2,020 ft.
Longest Run 2.5 mi.
Average Snowfall 180 inches/yr.

LODGING

Nearby Grasshopper Inn and Elkhorn Hot Springs Lodge.

CROSS-COUNTRY

Groomed and untracked trails starting at Elkhorn Hot Springs.

EVENTS

Torchlight Parade New Year's Eve. SL and GS Interdivisional Master Races on FIS courses. Fun Rope 'n Ski and infamous Bartender's Cup.



THE GRASSHOPPER INN

PO Box 460511

406-834-3456 Fax: 406-267-3420

E-mail: dvd3400@montana.com Web: www.grasshopperinn.com

The Grasshopper Inn is located in the spectacular Pioneer Mountains of southwestern Montana. The Grasshopper Valley is easily found, just 45 miles west of Dillon along Highway 278 and the Pioneer Mountains Scenic Byway. The inn offers newly refurbished rooms with handmade log beds. Each room has 2 queen-size beds; many rooms have twin beds too. There are 4 multiple-occupancy apartments on site. It is the perfect place to end a day of snowmobiling or skiing.



Mary Coleman

There are 200 miles of groomed trails in the area and many more that are ungroomed. Maverick Mountain ski area is just 3 miles up the road and there are lots of groomed cross-country ski trails. Please call for ski and stay packages.



MONTANA SNOWBOWL

800-728-2695

LOCATION

12 miles northwest of Missoula.

GETTING HERE

Delta, Horizon Air, United, and Northwest to Missoula. Car rentals at airport. From I-90, Reserve Street Exit (Exit 101), north on Grant Creek Road, then left onto Snowbowl Road.

SEASON

Late November–early April. Open daily 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m., closed December 25 and Tuesdays early and late season.

TRAILS & SLOPES

39+ trails and groomed runs, open powder bowls and tree skiing. 1,200 acres on the Lolo National Forest. 20% beginner, 40% intermediate, 40% advanced. 700 acres of "extreme" skiing. Snowmaking at lower elevations.

LIFTS

Chairs..... 2 high-capacity doubles
Surface 2

RATES

Adult \$31
Child \$13
Child (5 and under) Free
Beginner tow..... Free
Senior, student, and half-day rates.

RENTALS & SALES

Complete downhill packages start at \$13/day. Performance ski equipment and snowboards available.

PO Box 8107
Missoula, MT 59807
Reservations: 800-728-2695
or 406-549-9777
Fax: 406-327-8614
24-Hour Snow Phone:
406-549-9696
E-mail:
info@montanasnowbowl.com
Web:
www.montanasnowbowl.com

Deep, powdery bowls and 2,600 feet of continuous vertical drop make Snowbowl an extremist's dream. There's plenty of skiing for other skill levels, too.

Base Elevation 5,000 ft.
Top Elevation..... 7,600 ft.
Vertical Drop..... 2,600 ft.
Longest Run..... 3 mi.
Lift Capacity 3,400 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 300 inches/yr.



INSTRUCTION

Downhill, snowboard.

Adult group.....\$20/2 hrs.
Adult private\$30/1 hr.
Pee-Wee private\$18
Beginner's package
(lift, lesson, rental)\$28

FOOD & DRINK

Double Diamond Cafe in the Snowbowl Lodge, Grizzly Chalet at mid-mountain, and the award-winning Last Run Inn.

LODGING

On mountain, ski in and ski out at the new Gelandesprung Lodge—hotel/hostel. A complete range of accommodations and ski packages are available in Missoula. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 44.

EVENTS

Pepsi Sport Racing every Saturday;
Snowboard Jam, February 1–2;
Northern Division Freestyle, February 15–16; Masters Race, February 15–16;
Gelande Jump Championship, February 22–23; Snowboard Banked Slalom, March; Telemark Classic, March 8–9;
Best-of-the-Bowl Race, March 15;
North Dakota Downhill, March 17.

PACKAGES

2 days skiing/2 nights lodging, hot tub, ski-in/ski-out, starts at \$81 per person double occupancy.



SHOWDOWN Ski Area

800-433-0022

LOCATION

U.S. Highway 89, 10 minutes south of Neihart, 1 hour southeast of Great Falls or 30 minutes north of White Sulphur Springs.

GETTING HERE

Fly Delta, Northwest, or Horizon Air to Great Falls. Major car rentals available at the airport.

SEASON

Early December–early April, Wednesday–Sunday, plus these holidays: December 18, 2002–January 5, 2003 (closed Christmas Day), Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and February 17, 2003–President's Day.

TRAILS & SLOPES

34 uncrowded runs on tree-lined trails and open slopes on the Lewis & Clark National Forest. 30% beginner, 40% intermediate, 30% advanced.

LIFTS

Chairs 1 triple, 1 double
Surface 2

RATES

Adult all area lift..... \$29
Junior (ages 6–12) \$17
Senior (ages 70+) \$17
Kids (5 and under)..... Free
Poma lift \$5
Rope tow Free

RENTALS

Downhill package\$17/day
(shaped skis available)
Snowboard package\$27/day
Snowbikes.....\$27/day
(first-timers required to take a \$10 lesson)
Snowblades\$17/day

PO Box 92

Neihart, MT 59465

Information Line:

800-433-0022

or 406-236-5522

Fax: 406-236-5523

24-Hour Snow Phone:

406-771-1300

Web:

www.showdownmontana.com

A Montana favorite for over 65 years! Showdown offers something for everyone, with an expanded lodge, day care, lesson programs for kids ages 4 years and older, and the best skiing in central Montana.

Base Elevation 6,800 ft.
Top Elevation 8,200 ft.
Vertical Drop 1,400 ft.
Longest Run..... 2 mi.
Lift Capacity 3,000 skiers/hr.
Average Snowfall 240 inches/yr.

INSTRUCTION

Downhill, snowboard, telemark, and snowbike lessons. Group or private lessons. Kids' Snowmonsters program.

FOOD & DRINK

Johnny K's Cookshack, The Hole-in-the-Wall Saloon, and the T-bar in the base lodge, plus the Top Rock Eatery at the mountain summit.

LODGING

Accommodations nearest to the mountain are in Neihart, Monarch, and White Sulphur Springs. Full accommodations in Great Falls. For more lodging information, directory begins on page 44.

CROSS-COUNTRY

12 miles of groomed trails adjacent to downhill ski area.

SNOWMOBILING

200 miles of groomed trails. Machine and clothing rentals at the ski area. Guided tours.

JUST FOR KIDS

Snowmonsters (ages 4–6) includes lesson and lift plus rental if needed (full- or half-day). Day care at the base lodge. Reservations are required for ages 2 and under.

EVENTS

Mannequin Jumping, April 6, 2003.

PACKAGES

Great Midweek Package: 3 days skiing and 3 nights lodging for as low as \$125 per person. Pricing based on quad occupancy. Blackout dates apply. Call for details.





Rye Creek Lodge

A hideaway nestled in the spectacular Bitterroot range near the Continental Divide, we are just 25 miles from both Lost Trail Powder Mountain Ski Area and Chief Joseph Cross-Country Ski Area and five miles from the Skalkaho/Rye Snowmobile Trail. We are 65 miles south of Missoula, Montana, which is served by Northwest, Delta, United, and Alaska airlines.

Lost Trail Powder Mountain offers some of the best downhill snow in the Pacific Northwest and Chief Joseph Cross-Country Ski Area has over 8 km of trails that are groomed weekly. These two ski areas receive an average snowfall of 300 inches per year. The snow is so deep and so dry that the term "powder" doesn't do it justice.

For more information:

PO Box 877
Darby, MT 59829
888-821-3366
406-821-3366

E-mail: ryecreek@cybernet1.com
Web: www.ryecreeklodge.com



The Skalkaho/Rye Snowmobile Area offers 50 miles of groomed trails with spectacular views and a frozen waterfall. Snowmobile rentals are available with or without a guide.

Stay in one of five luxurious hand-hewn log cabins. Each cabin has two bedrooms, a complete kitchen, a massive natural stone fireplace, and a private outdoor hot tub. The cabins are distanced from each other by at least 100 yards for maximum privacy.

The Bitterroot Valley has a high population of wildlife including bighorn sheep, moose, mule deer, and elk.

Nightly and weekly rates are available. Packages include snowmobiling and/or skiing and meals at a favorite local restaurant. Make your reservations early to ensure your choice of dates and accommodations. Summer vacations also are available.



Whitefish Chamber of Commerce/CVB

With covered sidewalks leading to the cultural arts center, historic depot museum, galleries, and saloons, Whitefish offers an incredible menu of winter activities—a virtual snow sport enthusiast's playground. Located adjacent to the peaks of Glacier National Park, and home to Big Mountain Resort, Whitefish boasts the closest direct air service into a mountain resort town (just 11 miles away) in the United States.

Lodging options include full-service resorts, charming B&Bs, and rustic but elegant lodges and cabins as well as condominiums and private homes. Whitefish offers 46 different lodging options.

Big Mountain Resort boasts 3,000 skiable acres where lift lines are practically non-existent, the

For more information:

Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
Whitefish Convention and Visitor Bureau
6475 U.S. Highway 93 South
Whitefish, Montana 59937
877-862-3548 or 406-862-3501
Fax: 406-862-9494
E-mail: visit@whitefishchamber.org
Web: www.whitefishchamber.org



locals are friendly, and a skier can explore for days. The free S.N.O.W. shuttle bus will take you from town to the mountain and back.

For your evenings in Whitefish, there are over 40 dining options including a wide range of award-winning restaurants. Kick up your heels to live music at one of Whitefish's celebrated saloons. Enjoy ice skating under the big sky on our open-air rink. A huge array of designated cross-country and snowshoeing trails are also available. Travel at the speed of dog through a fairy tale winter wonderland on your own dog sled adventure. The annual Whitefish Winter Carnival is an event full of yetis, vikings, snow sculptures, and winter tales. Whitefish truly is Montana's Five Star Resort Town.



Meadow Lake Resort

Meadow Lake Resort offers the perfect winter experience, located just minutes from Big Mountain and Glacier National Park. This beautiful, award-winning resort features luxurious hotel, condominium, and vacation home accommodations, fireside dining, a lounge, and group facilities. Our Recreation Center includes indoor pool, spas, sauna, fitness room, and on-site massage therapy.

Step out your door and enjoy cross-country skiing on 15 km of Nordic trails, snowshoeing and ice-skating. Downhill skiing, snowboarding, dog sled adventures, fishing and 230 miles of snowmobiling are nearby. Complimentary airport (7 miles), Amtrak (7 miles), and ski shuttles (15 miles). Call our friendly vacation planners today for an affordable custom package and a free color brochure.

For more information:

Meadow Lake Resort

100 St. Andrews Drive • Columbia Falls, MT 59912

800-321-4653 • Fax: 406-892-0330

E-mail: reservations@meadowlake.com

Web: meadowlake.com

The Mountain Inn

Big Sky's newest slopeside hotel presents Western hospitality and exceptional value. Through the floor-to-ceiling windows of the Great Room, guests have a perfectly framed view of Big Sky's Lone Mountain, a commanding 11,000-foot peak that rises dramatically from a forested alpine valley. They can also savor a roaring fire from a giant stone hearth as well as a hot toddy from the Altitudes lounge.

Features of the Mountain Inn include free continental breakfast served each morning, a heated indoor swimming pool, four hot tubs, exercise room, large guest suites with 11-foot ceilings, built-in dataports for high-speed Internet access, microwave and mini-fridge in every room, and two spacious conference rooms.

For more information:

The Mountain Inn

PO Box 160938 • 75 Sitting Bull Road

Big Sky, MT 59716

877-995-7858

E-mail: admin@themountaininn.com

Web: www.themountaininn.com



North Forty Resort

The North Forty Resort with 22 private log cabins is the perfect place to spend your next Montana vacation. The cabins have full kitchens, gas fireplaces, and down comforters on the handmade log beds. The resort has two hot tubs, a sauna, a walking trail, and a group meeting facility. The Ponderosa and Larch cabins house up to five folks, while the Aspen Suite can accommodate eight. The North Forty Resort is conveniently located on MT Highway 40, just minutes from Big Mountain Resort and 20 miles from the west entrance to Glacier National Park.

For more information:

North Forty Resort

PO Box 4250

Whitefish, MT 59937

800-775-1740 or 406-862-7740

Fax: 406-862-7741

Web: www.northforty.com

ResortQuest Big Sky

Formerly Golden Eagle. New name, new location, same great service from the Golden Eagle Management staff. Big Sky's largest selection of vacation homes, condominiums, and lodge rooms. Our office is in the lovely 29-room River Rock Lodge. Call one of our knowledgeable agents to book your accommodations.

Stay at the base of the slopes in the Mountain Village, on the cross-country ski trail system in the Meadow Village, or in the canyon along the Gallatin River.

Fly on Delta, Horizon, United, or Northwest to Bozeman, Montana. The resort is 45 miles south of the airport and only 18 miles from the border of Yellowstone National Park.

For more information:

ResortQuest Big Sky

PO Box 160008

Big Sky, MT 59716

800-548-4488

Fax: 406-995-2447

E-mail: info@resortquestbigsky.com

Web: www.resortquestbigsky.com



Weather Reports

Northwest Montana
406-329-4840

Central Southwest Montana
406-453-2081

Southcentral Southeast
Montana
406-652-1916

Northeast Montana
406-228-4042





Cross-Country Skiing. Worth crossing the country for.

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Here in Montana, cross-country skiing isn't like a quick trip around your back yard. (Unless you have a very big back yard.) We have hundreds of trails in two national parks, nine national forests, and 12 wilderness areas—as well as lodges and resorts with private trail systems. Some of America's premier cross-country resorts are in Montana, offering you guided wilderness and wildlife tours, perfectly groomed trails,

Two places to park it.

In Yellowstone, you'll ski past bubbling geysers, explore acres of pristine beauty, and spot plenty of wildlife. Montana has three of the park's entrances (Gardiner, Cooke City, and West Yellowstone). At Gardiner, West Yellowstone, and Mammoth Hot Springs, you can find guided ski tours, snowcoach tours, and snowmobile rentals. Contact: Park Information, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190, or call 307-344-7381. Web: www.nps.gov/yell

Glacier National Park has more than a million acres of scenic beauty, and over a dozen ski trails. You'll find guided tours and ski rentals available for your trip: to get maps and more information, contact: Superintendent, Glacier National Park, West Glacier, MT 59936, or call 406-888-7800. Web: www.nps.gov/glac

and expert instruction. Or, rent a remote forest service cabin and explore the ungroomed backcountry trails on our public lands. (We like to share, so we have a lot of public land.) Many people don't think of going to Glacier National Park or Yellowstone National Park in the winter. That in itself is a good reason for you to go; you may have acres of white backcountry all to yourself.

MONTANA'S NATIONAL FORESTS

U.S.D.A. Forest Service
Northern Region
406-329-3511
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/

Beaverhead-Deerlodge
National Forest
406-683-3900
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/b-d

Bitterroot National Forest
406-363-7100
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot

Custer National Forest
406-657-6200
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/custer/index.html

Flathead National Forest
406-758-5204
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/flathead

Gallatin National Forest
406-587-6701
406-522-2520
(recreation information)
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/gallatin/index.html

Helena National Forest
406-449-5201
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/helena/index.shtml

Kootenai National Forest
406-293-6211
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/kootenai

Lewis & Clark National
Forest
406-791-7700
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark/index.htm

Lolo National Forest
406-329-3750
Web: www.fs.fed.us/r1/lolo/index.html



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The national forests and grasslands of Montana reach from rugged mountain-tops and steep, timbered canyons in western Montana to eastern prairies and badlands. When the snow covers these 16.8 million acres of public lands, they become a winter wonderland.

Sixteen downhill ski areas on national forest lands provide slopes for every talent. These winter sports areas have been developed in cooperation with private industry and are operated under national forest special-use permits.

In addition to spectacular downhill runs, there are vast and diverse landscapes for cross-country skiers and snowmobilers. Cross-country skiers can follow more than 600 miles (950 km) of designated ski-touring trails of varying difficulty across timbered slopes, open meadows, and ridgelines. There are also thousands of miles of ungroomed recreation territory.

Snowmobilers can ride more than 2,000 miles of designated, groomed

trails, or they can explore on their own. In some areas, wildlife winter ranges are closed to snowmobiling.

A Guide to Your Northern Region National Forests will give you the locations of all nine national forests in Montana. This guide and maps of the individual national forests and winter recreation trails are available from the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Northern Region, or the individual national forest (see list of addresses).

For those who seek a true backcountry experience, the Forest Service has rustic cabins and lookouts for rent on a first-come, first-served basis. Cabins are furnished with the bare basics (table, chairs, wood stove, and bunks). Bedding is not furnished. Forest Service personnel at the national forest in which the cabin is located can tell you what you need to bring. For a Recreational Cabin and Lookout Directory, write or call the U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Northern Region.

Groomed Ski Touring Trails

on Montana's National Forests



TOTAL KM OF GROOMED TRAILS
TOTAL KM SKATING LANES
EASIEST
MORE DIFFICULT
MOST DIFFICULT
GROOMING



SKI TOURING TRAILS	CONTACT						ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
BEAVERHEAD-DEER LODGE NATIONAL FOREST AND BITTERROOT NATIONAL FOREST								
Chief Joseph Cross-Country Trails 28 miles W of Wisdom	24.6		8	14.5	2.1	W	District Ranger, Wisdom 406-689-3243 District Ranger, Sula 406-821-3201	Starts on north side of MT Hwy 43 at Chief Joseph Pass. Eight loop trails. Groomed by Bitterroot Ski Club. Maps available at trailhead. Warming hut.
FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST								
Round Meadows 15 miles NW of Whitefish	12.5		5.3	5.8	1.4	I	District Ranger, Whitefish 406-863-5400	Snowmobiles prohibited; dogs must be controlled. Trees and meadows, mouse sightings possible. Snowshoers welcome. Large plowed parking lot. Restroom and info board.
Blacktail Mountain 8 miles W of Lakeside	40.5		10	30.5		I	District Ranger, Bigfork 406-837-7500	No skiing on plowed Blacktail Mountain Road. Spectacular views of Flathead Lake and Valley and four mountain ranges.
GALLATIN NATIONAL FOREST								
Bear Creek Road Jardine, 5 miles above Gardiner	6.4	6.4	6.4			I	District Ranger, Gardiner 406-848-7375	Easy climb through timber along Bear Creek Road. Only occasionally groomed.
Rendezvous Complex West Yellowstone	42	42	14	16	12	D	District Ranger, West Yellowstone 406-823-6961	Used by U.S. Olympic Team in Nov. 2001 as official site of fall training camp. Dogs and snowmobiles prohibited. Groomed daily 12:1-3:30. Fee \$3 per day. Season pass available.
HELENA NATIONAL FOREST								
MacDonald Pass 15 miles W of Helena	12	5	4	5	3	W	District Ranger, Helena 406-449-5490 or The Base Camp 406-443-5360	Snowmobiles and dogs prohibited. Three of the four loop trails are groomed by the Last Chance Nordic Ski Club.
KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST								
Ross Creek Trail No. 4005 17 miles S of Troy, MT 56	13		11		2	I	District Ranger, Troy 406-295-4693	Motor vehicles prohibited after December 1. Trail goes to Ross Creek Cedar Grove Scenic Area.
Bear Creek 7 miles S of Libby	5.5		2.3	1.8	1.4	I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Motorized vehicles prohibited.
Rainbow Ridge 22 miles N of Libby	2.8			2.8		I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Trail shared with snowmobiles.
Flatiron Summit 24 miles N of Libby	2.5			2.5		I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Motorized vehicles prohibited.
Timberlane Campground 9 miles N of Libby	3.3		2.5	0.8		I	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	Ski play hill and sledding, picnic shelter, fire ring with firewood provided.
South Flower 4 miles SW of Libby	8.4		2.4	5.5	0.5	W	District Ranger, Libby 406-293-7773	
Birch Creek 16 miles SE of Eureka	6.6		6		0.6	I	District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451	Parking available at Birch Creek Recreation Area.
Grave Creek Road 16 miles SE of Eureka	45		35	10		I	District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451	Grooming by Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club. Parking available at Birch Creek Recreation Area.
Laughing Water Creek Adj. to Murphy Lake Ranger Station	17		17			I	District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451	Closed to snowmobiles. Opportunities for wildlife viewing.
Therriault 10 miles SE of Eureka	18			16	2	I	District Ranger, Fortine 406-882-4451	Parking available at junction of Forest Service Roads 756 and 7077.
LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST								
Silver Crest 30 miles N of White Sulphur Springs	13.8	13.8	6.9	6.9		W	Located on Belt Creek Ranger District, Neihart 406-236-5511	Park in Kings Hill Winter Recreation Area parking lot. Three warming huts. Seven miles SE of Neihart. Tow-behind sleds prohibited.
LOLO NATIONAL FOREST								
Pattee Canyon Ski Trail 5.5 miles SE of Missoula	9	9	1.6	4	3.4	D	Missoula Area Visitor Information, Missoula 406-329-3814	Closed to motorized vehicles. Two trails. Dogs prohibited on groomed trails. Groomed by Missoula Nordic Ski Club.
Seeley Lake Ski Trails 1 mile NE of Seeley Lake	18	18	3	12	3	I	Ranger District, Seeley Lake 406-677-2233	Snowmobiles and dogs prohibited on groomed trails. Maps available at trailhead and District Office. Groomed by Seeley Lake Ski Club.

GROOMED: I-Intermittent W-Weekly D-Daily **NOTE:** Some trails are groomed irregularly.

The **EASIEST**, **MORE DIFFICULT**, and **MOST DIFFICULT** ratings are relative to each area. Weather and snow conditions may make an **EASIEST** trail too difficult for many skiers. In addition to groomed trails, many areas offer opportunities for skiing ungroomed Forest Service trails. Please contact the appropriate Forest Service office or ski club for current information before you ski. **MOUNTAIN TOURING TRAILS** are marked routes for experienced skiers only.

Cross-Country Ski Centers / Trails

SKI CENTERS/TRAILS	TOTAL KM OF GROOMED TRAILS											ADDITIONAL INFORMATION		
	TOTAL KM OF SKATING LANES			EASIEST	MORE DIFFICULT	MOST DIFFICULT	GROOMING	TRAIL FEES	RENTALS	X-COUNTRY INSTRUCTION	FOOD SERVICE			
1 Alice Creek Ranch, 406-362-4810 8 miles E of Lincoln on Alice Creek Rd	40	40	15	15	10	D	Y	Y	Y	S	Y	Open to public for cross-country skiing Friday-Sunday, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Guest ranch open year-round.		
2 Big Mountain Nordic Center, 406-862-1900 800-859-3528; 8 miles N of Whitefish	16	16	2.5	8.5	5	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Located at Big Mountain Resort. Spectacular views through forest settings; well maintained.		
3 Bohart Ranch, 406-586-9070 16 miles NE of Bozeman on MT Hwy 86	25	25	6	13	6	D	Y	Y	Y	S		Ski on varied terrain through forests and meadows. Scenic trails in historic Bridger Canyon and Gallatin National Forest.		
4 Elkhorn Hot Springs, 406-834-3434 50 miles NW of Dillon	20		2.5	14.5	3	W		Y		Y	Y	Located in Beaverhead-Deerlodge Nat'l. Forest. The Grasshopper Ridge Cross-Country Ski Trail (Nat'l. Rec. Trail) has outstanding views.		
2 Glacier Nordic Center, 406-862-9498 1200 US Hwy 93 West, Whitefish	12	12	12			D	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Groomed by Glacier Nordic Club, located on Whitefish Lake Golf Course. Great family skiing, 3 km lighted trails until 11 p.m.		
5 Holland Lake Lodge, 406-754-2282 25 miles N of Seeley Lake in Swan Valley	25	1	12	13		W		Y		Y	Y	All trails in Flathead National Forest. In addition to groomed trails, there is unlimited ski touring & backcountry skiing; snowshoe rentals.		
6 Izaak Walton Inn, 406-888-5700 Essex	33	33	15	12	6	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Southern tip of Glacier National Park, halfway between East and West Glacier.		
7 Lone Mountain Ranch, 406-995-4644 or 800-514-4644; 12 miles S of Big Sky	75	75	12	56	7	D	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Cross-country ski ranch vacations near Yellowstone; some trails located on Gallatin National Forest.		
8 Meadow Lake Resort, 406-892-8700 7 miles E of Whitefish just off US Hwy 2	15		13.5	1.5		W				Y	Y	Open to the public. Located at Meadow Lake Golf Resort. Spectacular views near the gateway to Glacier National Park.		
9 Mountain Meadows Guest Ranch, 406-995-4997 12 miles S of Big Sky	25	25	11	10	4	D	Y	Y	Y		Y	Every trail offers the best views in Big Sky—Lone Peak to the Spanish Peaks to the Gallatin Range.		
10 Mt. Haggin Nordic Ski Area, 406-782-4994 or 406-782-0316; Rd. to Wisdom, 15 mi. S of Anaconda	25	15	5	10	10	W	D					Groomed by Mile Hi Nordic Ski Club with Fish, Wildlife & Parks; outstanding vistas, historic sites, warming hut.		
11 Red Lodge Nordic Center, 406-446-9191 2 miles W of Red Lodge on MT Hwy 78	15	15	4	7	4	W	Y	Y	Y	S		Nestled at base of Beartooth Mountains; great for families; all services in Red Lodge. Snowshoe rentals.		
12 Wade Lake Resort, 406-682-7560 30 miles W of West Yellowstone	35	8	15	20		W				Y	Y	Trail system located on Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest; exceptional wildlife, telemarking areas, secluded; snowshoe trails.		

Numbers preceding ski centers trails correspond to circles 1 on map, page 6

Y=Yes GROOMING: I=Intermittent W=Weekly D=Daily. NOTE: Some trails are groomed irregularly. FOOD SERVICE: S=Snacks.

TRAIL FEES: D=Donations accepted.

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Bohart Ranch Cross-Country Ski Center

Bohart Ranch, located 16 miles northeast of Bozeman on MT Highway 86 in Bridger Canyon, offers 25 km of groomed and tracked trails on nationally and internationally recognized private and Forest Service cross-country ski terrain. Trails are groomed for both diagonal and skating techniques. Facilities include a biathlon range for year-round training and competition. Services include rentals, lessons, snacks, and warming cabin. Trails are open in summer for walking, running, mountain biking, horseback riding, Frisbee Golf, and Summer Biathlon, which combines running and shooting.

Bohart Ranch trails offer quality skiing for both the recreational and competitive skier. Our scenic trails in historic Bridger Canyon let our guests experience a bit of old Montana. Member Cross-Country Ski Areas Association.

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Mountain Meadows Guest Ranch

Mountain Meadows Guest Ranch is a brand-new, intimate ranch consisting of a main lodge and two cabins. Family owned and operated, Mountain Meadows is open year-round and specializes in the complete Montana experience.

The beautiful lodge consists of seven guest rooms, dining room, spacious decks, Thirsty Moose Bar, lounge area, fireplace, sauna, and outdoor Jacuzzi. Views are the best in the Big Sky, and meals are gourmet.

Winter activities include cross-country skiing on 30 km of Mountain Meadows' groomed trails, downhill skiing at Big Sky Resort, snowshoeing, sleigh rides, sledding, and tobogganing. Come to Mountain Meadows Guest Ranch for an unforgettable vacation!

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CHICO HOT SPRINGS Resort & Day Spa

800-468-9232

LOCATION

Chico is located on U.S. Highway 89, 23 miles south of Livingston and 30 miles north of Gardiner, the only entrance to Yellowstone National Park that's open year-round. Airline travel is accessed via Bozeman, 60 miles away. You can rent a car at the airport, or arrange for a shuttle.

FACILITIES

Western comfort and hospitality abound at Chico. Accommodations range from our historic main lodge to private cabins, chalets, and large log homes. The property also boasts 150 pristine acres, two restaurants, meeting facilities, two mineral hot pools, a unique gift shop, full day spa facilities, and a Western saloon... something for everyone.

DINING

Chico has long been known for its landmark dining room. Creative continental cuisine is served in a comfortable atmosphere of casual elegance. The seafood is fresh, the steaks are large, and the wine list is extensive. For more casual fare, try the Poolside Grille, serving salads, large sandwiches, burgers, and excellent ribs and pizza. The saloon offers a limited menu featuring overwhelming portions of barbecue ribs and chicken, and is known for its large selection of beer and "Paradise Margaritas."

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The quintessential Montana experience. Established in 1900 and currently on the National Register of Historic Places,

Chico is a year-round destination resort. Our winters are filled with cross-country skiing, wilderness dog sled treks, trips to nearby Yellowstone National Park, and, of course, soaking in our natural mineral hot springs.



in gorgeous Mill Creek Canyon. Go for a two-hour trek or stop and savor the splendor while enjoying a picnic lunch on the half-day trek. Or take it all in and try the full-day trek, offering steak and trout grilled to perfection. Treks leave daily Thanksgiving through Easter from Chico Hot Springs. Owned and operated by Mark and Sharon Nardin, POBox 134, Pray, MT 59065. Call 406-222-4645 or 406-333-4933 for reservations. E-mail: MNardin@aol.com Web: www.extrememontana.com

CROSS-COUNTRY PROGRAM

Our location offers you an ideal home base regardless of your skiing level or desires. You can rent skis from us and just head out the back door, or you can have our resident guide lead you safely into the backcountry for an all-day excursion. There are many additional skiing options only minutes away. You can ski through beautiful Mill Creek Canyon where there are both packed trails and fresh untracked snow or you can head into Yellowstone Park where wildlife and amazing natural wonders await you. There's nothing in the world like skiing past grazing elk in sheer silence or watching a geyser go off with winter as a backdrop. It's all part of the Chico experience. The real Chico experience, however, is putting your skis away or saying goodbye to your musher and stepping into the natural hot springs under the stars of a crisp Montana night!

RESERVATIONS

We have become a popular spot, which makes reservations for lodging a must. Weekends fill quickly so reservations are highly suggested to secure your choice of dates and accommodations.



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FACILITIES

You may relax in an Empire Builder room with full private bath, a Great Northern deluxe accommodation, or a family suite, or enjoy the unique lodging of a refurbished and remodeled caboose. The Dining Car Restaurant serves a wide variety of menu favorites, plus daily specials. The Flagstop Bar, game room, gift shop, Finnish sauna, and laundry facilities help make your stay more enjoyable.

LOCATION

At Essex, just off U.S. Highway 2, halfway between East and West Glacier in northwest Montana. Fly Delta or Horizon Air to Kalispell and rent a car for a scenic drive to Essex. Or ride Amtrak right to our door.

SEASON

Late November through April 15. Glacier National Park backcountry tours from December 1 to April 15. Our spring skiing is excellent, as snowfall usually lasts into the middle of May.

TRAILS

More than 30 km of mechanically groomed trails, partially on the Flathead National Forest, with set track and skating lane. Telemark hill. Lighted Starlight Trail for night skiing. Backcountry ski opportunities in Glacier National Park and the Great Bear Wilderness.

GUIDE SERVICE

Our guided ski tours unlock the door to Glacier National Park's pristine winter

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Snow Country magazine named the Izaak Walton Inn one of the top 10 cross-country ski resorts in the Rockies. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Izaak Walton Inn is an alpine lodge constructed in 1939 by the Great Northern Railroad to house winter snow removal crews. Memorabilia, authentic furniture, and our great log fireplace remind every guest of the great train era's mystique.



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splendor. Wildlife, spectacular scenery, and experienced guides provide for a memorable day of skiing. Trips can be tailored to any ski level. Cost of an all-day group trip is \$75-\$95 per person, including lunch, transportation, and guide service. Ski rental equipment is available upon request.

DAY SKIER SERVICES

A day trail pass allows you to ski our entire trail system. Equipment rental packages are available.

VACATION PACKAGES

Inquire about our three-, five-, and seven-day vacation packages. Packages include accommodations, three meals a day, daily trail passes, full use of all Inn ski trails and Finnish sauna, one ski lesson, one guided snowshoe tour, and one guided ski tour into Glacier National Park.

EVENTS

Kick Out the Kinks 5 and 10 km Nordic Ski Race, December 7-8, 2002; Annual Ski Fest X-Country Festival, January 10-11, 2003; Spring Snow Rodeo and Race, March 22-23, 2003.

RESERVATIONS

Reservations are recommended. When calling, please indicate if you are interested in a ski tour into Glacier National Park, as space is limited.

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LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH

LOCATION

Big Sky, Montana—48 miles south of Bozeman, 20 miles northwest of Yellowstone National Park. Fly Northwest, Delta, Horizon, or United Airlines to Bozeman. Free airport transportation. Special fares available.

SEASON

Ski from early December to mid-April.

TRAILS

75 km of professionally groomed, tilled, and tracked trails designed to accommodate all levels of ability. Groomed for both traditional skiing and skating. We also have marked snowshoe trails. A portion of these trails lie in the Gallatin National Forest.

NATURALIST-GUIDED SKI AND SNOWSHOE TRIPS

Naturalist-guided, all-day ski and snowshoe tours into the backcountry of Yellowstone. Skiing or snowshoeing past steaming geyser basins and wintering herds of elk and bison is a truly unforgettable experience.

OUTDOOR SHOP

Complete cross-country ski shop provides both retail and rental equipment. A wide selection of ski clothing, accessories, convenience items, and gifts is available.

SKI INSTRUCTION

Professional PSIA-certified instructors offer lessons for all levels of cross-country skiers.

VACATION PACKAGES

Comfortable ranch-style accommodations house up to 70 guests in cozy log cabins with private baths, electric heat, and wood-burning stoves or fireplaces. One-week package (7 nights) includes 3

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A full-service, winter vacation resort focusing on cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Alpine skiing and snowboarding just 6 miles away. Professionally groomed cross-country ski trails, well-maintained snowshoe trails, attractive, cozy cabins, a beautiful log dining lodge, dependable snow, top-quality ranch gourmet meals, and that "extra special" Montana hospitality combine to make Lone Mountain Ranch the winter vacation experience of a lifetime. Named by *Snow Country* magazine as the top cross-country ski resort in the western United States.



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complete meals per day, lodging, trail fees, airport transportation, a sleigh ride dinner, on-the-trail buffet lunch, evening programs, and outdoor hot tub at \$1.602-\$2.075 per person, double occupancy. Alpine ski packages and short stays also are available. Reservations are required.

DAY SKIER SERVICES

Day trail passes give you access to the cross-country and snowshoe trail system. Rental ski and snowshoe packages, outdoor ski shop, ranch breakfasts, hearty skier buffet lunches, ranch gourmet dinners, saloon, lessons, guided ski and snowshoe tours, guided fly fishing trips, and old-fashioned sleigh ride dinners are all available to day visitors.

SLEIGH RIDE DINNERS

Step back into Montana history with an old-fashioned sleigh ride dinner. A horse-drawn sleigh takes you through the winter woods to a beautiful log cabin where the aroma of homemade bread greets you at the door. A gourmet prime rib dinner, cooked in a century-old wood cookstove, and musical entertainment help complete a perfect winter evening.

FLY FISHING

Lone Mountain Ranch is an ORVIS®-endorsed fly fishing lodge, providing top-quality guided walk/wade trips during the winter months.

RESERVATIONS

It is recommended that you make your reservations as early as possible to ensure your choice of dates and accommodations. Summer family ranch vacations, honeymoon packages, and conference facilities also are available.

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Glacier Outdoor Center

Experience the magic and solitude of Glacier National Park in the wintertime. Glacier Outdoor Center offers snowshoe and cross-country ski rentals as well as cozy log cabin accommodations in West Glacier, Montana, within minutes of the trails of the park and Flathead National Forest. Enjoy winter in Glacier Country from early December to mid-April. Glacier National Park is a wonderland of snowcapped mountain peaks and ice-covered lakes and streams. Roads are snowed in and snowmobiles are prohibited. The park and adjacent forest offer options for all skill levels, from beginner trails around Lake McDonald and on Going-To-The-Sun Road to backcountry

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alpine touring adventures. Most skiers enter the park without guides; however, guide services are available. Groomed trails are available nearby at Essex and Glacier Nordic Center. Big Mountain, 35 miles away, offers downhill skiing, night skiing, Nordic trails, and sleigh rides.

After a day enjoying winter in Glacier Country, return to your fully furnished log cabin, with gas fireplaces and complete kitchens. For more information about winter activities in our area, be sure to call us at 800-235-6781. For further information about winter trails in Glacier National Park, call 406-888-7800.



Yellowstone Alpen Guides

Yellowstone National Park in winter is an experience never to be forgotten. Large numbers of animals move down from the high country to seek shelter in the thermal basins along the rivers. Geysers burst into the air, waterfalls shimmer under the ice, and the landscape is blanketed with a frosting layer of snow. All this and more awaits your discovery. See Yellowstone at its best.

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ecosystems chauffeured by an experienced, knowledgeable guide who shares with you the respect our premier national park deserves.

Whether you're taking a day off from skiing at one of our nearby areas or planning a complete winter getaway, our friendly office staff can help with your plans. Alpen Guides is located in West Yellowstone at the West Entrance to the park, 45 miles from Big Sky. We offer full-day scenic adventures departing daily from mid-December through mid-March to Old Faithful or the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone, both with cross-country skiing or snowshoeing options.

Yellowstone Expeditions

This is the way Yellowstone in winter should be experienced—at a skier's pace from our Yurt Camp.

Explore the backcountry of Yellowstone National Park with an experienced naturalist ski guide on our five-day tours. Our tours are based from our Yurt Camp near the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone River. At the camp, you can enjoy the comfort and hospitality of private sleeping huts, naturalist guides, gourmet meals, and an after-ski sauna and shower. Our camp accommodates only 12 guests, allowing for personal attention and excellent service.

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Choose your destination for the day: ski tour the Rim of the Canyon and gaze at waterfalls, try the Mount Washburn tour and telemark trail, or explore the sights, sounds and smells of backcountry thermal basins. Enjoy spectacular skiing, wildlife viewing, scenery, and photography!

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Yellowstone National Park Lodges

Winter may be the most magical season of all in Yellowstone. Steam billows from the geyser basins to drift in eerie clouds through frosty air, and the wildlife is abundant. You haven't seen Yellowstone until you've seen Yellowstone in winter!

We offer the only accommodations inside Yellowstone, summer and winter. Mammoth Hot Springs is a historic facility with all rooms housed in a four-story wing, with a dining room and lounge. The award-winning Old Faithful Snow Lodge, located near the famous geyser, has lodge rooms and cabins available.

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The reasons to snowmobile here just keep piling up.

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We have snowmobile trails that will get your heart pumping. But is that pumping caused by the challenging ride, or the scenic beauty? Probably a little of both. Montana has some of the longest and most scenic groomed trails in America. Thanks in part to the efforts of the Montana Snowmobiling Association (MSA), we have 3,700 miles of grooming. The MSA is a group of individuals, snowmobile clubs, and businesses dedicated to making snowmobiling safe and fun for everyone. They're also dedicated to making sure Montana has plenty of snowmobiling terrain, although Mother Nature plays a big part in that, too—in addition to the

- **Snowmobiles on public lands must display a registration decal; snowmobiles registered in other states are not required to display a Montana registration decal. For unregistered snowmobiles, a nonresident, temporary-use permit is required.**
- **Driver's license required if you ride on plowed streets open to snowmobile traffic. Or, you must have a safety certificate and travel with an adult.**
- **All motorized vehicles are prohibited from operating in federally designated wilderness areas. It is the rider's responsibility to know his or her location at all times.**
- **For nonresident snowmobile permits and safety certificate requirements, contact the MT Fish, Wildlife & Parks at 406-444-2535.**

groomed areas, we have hundreds of miles of backcountry open to snowmobiles.

Snowmobiling season usually runs from mid-December to April, but it can vary. Expect early-season powder and late-season hardpack. Be prepared for wide temperature ranges; usual temperatures are in the 20s and 30s (Fahrenheit). Snow levels are 1 to 3 feet at lower elevations, 6 to 15 feet up higher.

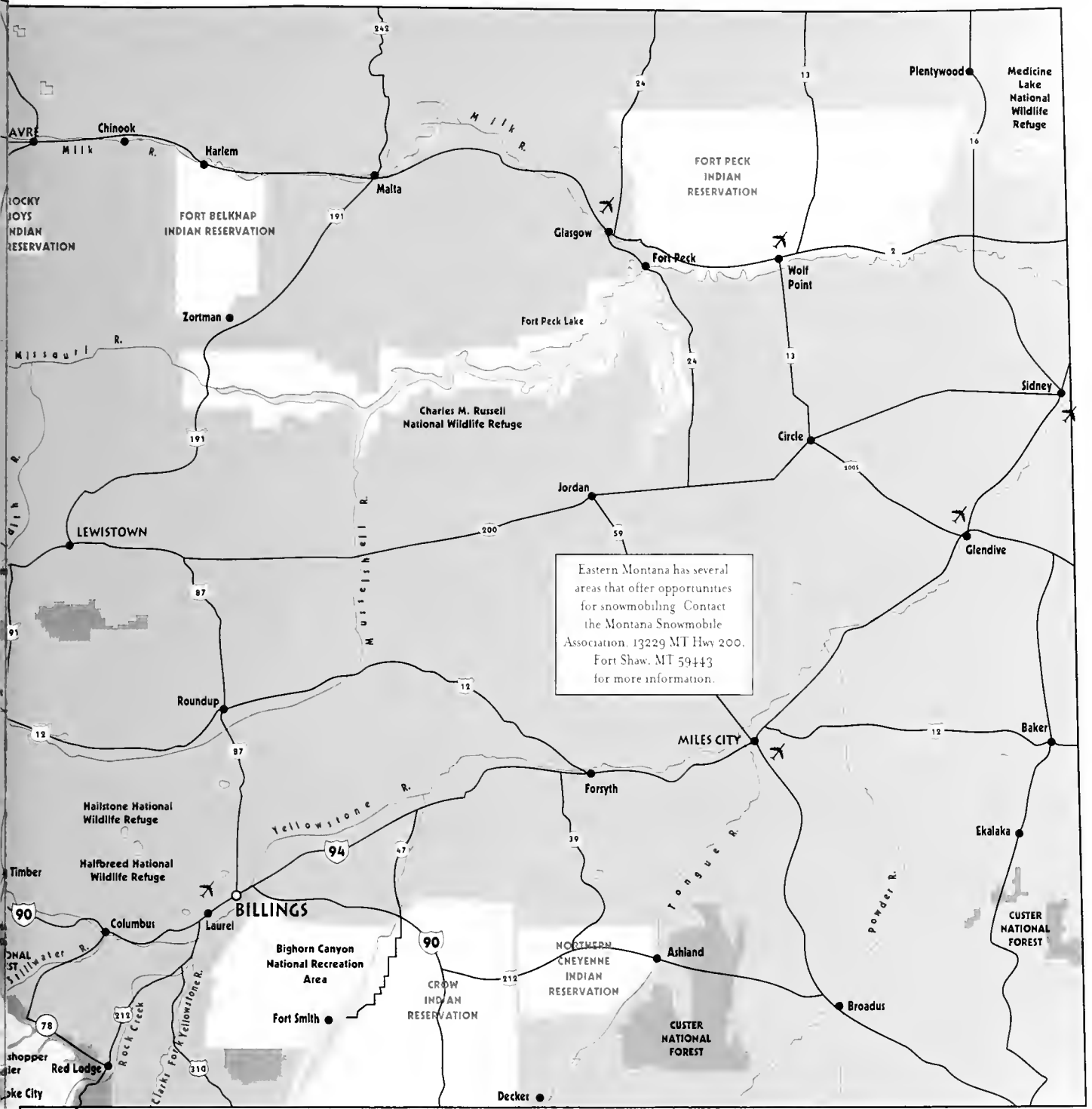
MONTANA SNOWMOBILING INFO:

Montana Snowmobile Association
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Fort Shaw, MT 59443

For avalanche information and travel advice, see pages 48-49.



Snowmobiling Areas



(For detailed information about these areas, see charts on pages 34-39)

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| 1 Cut Bank | 7 Seeley Lake | 13 Helena | 19 Big Timber |
| 2 Flathead Valley
(Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Bigfork, Kalispell) | 8 Hamilton/Skalkaho | 14 Lincoln | 20 Bozeman/Big Sky |
| 3 Haugan | 9 Deer Lodge | 15 Virginia City/Ennis | 21 Cooke City/Silver Gate/Gardiner |
| 4 Kootenai Country | 10 Dillon/Polaris | 16 Wisdom/Jackson/Sula | 22 Livingston |
| 5 Lolo Pass | 11 Garnet | 17 Wise River | 23 West Yellowstone |
| 6 Mission Mountains | 12 Georgetown Lake | 18 Elk Park | 24 Kings Hill/Little Belts |

Snowmobiling Quick Reference Chart

AREA NAME	LOCATION	AREA DESCRIPTION	ELEVATION	MILES GROOMED
CUT BANK 1	Marias Pass is midway between Cut Bank and Kalispell on US Hwy 2. Amtrak has scheduled east-west service with stops in Cut Bank, East Glacier, and Essex.	Those who like their winters wild can test their mettle at northwest Montana's Marias Pass Trail Complex. Straddling the Continental Divide, these trails are rugged and remote. A wide range of riding is available, from intermediate to expert. on 45 miles of groomed trails and another 35 miles of ungroomed trails. Guides are advisable on some trails. Steep slopes, avalanches, and sudden storms make for extreme weather conditions.	Marias Pass, 5,280'; trails to 8,000'	38 miles
FLATHEAD VALLEY (Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Bigfork, Kalispell) 2	The Flathead Valley encompasses the communities of Columbia Falls, Whitefish, Kalispell, and Bigfork in northwest Montana and can be accessed via US Hwy 93 and US Hwy 2. Air service is centrally located at Glacier Park International Airport (FCA). Amtrak has regular east-west rail service to Whitefish, just minutes from trailheads.	Northwest Montana's Recreation Wonderland boasts over 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, with nearly 2,000 miles of U.S.D.A. Forest Service roads that take you into great hill climbing, powder play areas, wildlife viewing and spectacular ridgetop views of Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies. Add to that more than 4,000 acres of skiing at Big Mountain Resort, ample cross-country skiing, ice fishing, ice skating, and dog sledding and you have a true winter playground.	Kalispell, 2,956'; trails to 7,000'	220 miles
HAUGAN 3	Haugan is on the I-90 Montana-Idaho border in northwest Montana, 90 miles west of Missoula on I-90 and 110 miles east of Spokane.	Haugan offers snowmobiling opportunities for all abilities. It's one of those great places that combines vast riding possibilities with a family atmosphere. Trails begin right off I-90. Lots of cross-country ski territory. You'll see friendly faces at trailside stops in Haugan, De Borgia, and Saltese with designated trails, open meadows, and scenic views.	Haugan-Lookout Pass, 4,725'; trails to 5,000'; Cooper Creek, Thompson Pass, 4,852'; trails to 6,407'	120 miles
KOOTENAI COUNTRY 4	The northwest corner of the state is where you'll find Kootenai Country. Nearest airports are Kalispell (65 miles southeast of Eureka, 90 miles southeast of Libby) and Spokane (160 miles west of Libby). Libby and Eureka also have smaller airports.	The mountains of Kootenai Country provide breathtaking views and hours of recreation. After a day of snowmobiling in the Purcell Mountains (via US Hwy 2), drive to Troy or the nearby Scandinavian town of Libby and enjoy the atmosphere and congeniality that the area and its residents offer. On the northeast side of Kootenai Country (via US Hwy 93), Eureka, Trego, and Fortine offer historical views of small town life in Montana.	Libby, 2,066'; trails to 5,800'; Fortine, 2,965'; trails to 5,800'	153 miles
LOLO PASS 5	Lolo Pass is on US Hwy 12 at the Montana-Idaho border, 45 miles southwest of Missoula. Nearest airport is Missoula.	At Lolo Hot Springs visitors enjoy the same soothing waters that bathed the weary members of the Lewis and Clark Expedition nearly 200 years ago. Starting at either Lolo Hot Springs or at Lolo Pass 7 miles west, snowmobilers can conduct their own modern-day explorations, using 250 miles of groomed, connecting trails in the Lolo and Clearwater national forests.	Missoula, 3,200'; Lolo Hot Springs, 4,160'; trails to 6,500'	250 miles
MISSION MOUNTAINS 6	Ronan is between Missoula and Kalispell on US Hwy 93 in western Montana. Nearest airports are Missoula, 55 miles south and Kalispell, 65 miles north.	Few people are content merely to look at the Mission Mountains. Maybe more than any other mountain range in Montana, these jagged peaks beckon visitors to come closer and explore. Because the trails are on the Flathead Indian Reservation, snowmobilers need special recreation permits widely available at gas stations and convenience stores on the reservation. Snowmobiling is prohibited in the Mission Mountains Wilderness Area.	Ronan, 3,200'; trails to 7,000'	45 miles
SEELEY LAKE 7	Seeley Lake is 15 miles north of the junction of MT Hwys 83 and 200 in western Montana. Nearest airport is Missoula, 60 miles west via MT 200 and I-90.	Tucked between the Mission Mountains and the Swan Range on scenic MT Hwy 83, Seeley Lake is one of western Montana's most popular year-round recreation areas. Starting from town, snowmobilers can fan out in nearly every direction to scenic lookouts, cozy lodges, cafes, and backcountry lakes for ice fishing.	Seeley Lake, 4,000'; trails to 7,000'	230 miles
HAMILTON/ SKALKAHO 8	Access to the Skalkaho snowmobile area is 2 miles south of Hamilton, then 15 miles east on Skalkaho Hwy 38. Hamilton is 50 miles south of Missoula on US Hwy 93 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Missoula.	One of Montana's least-traveled snowmobile areas is one of the most scenic. In summer, the Skalkaho Highway from Hamilton to the Georgetown Lake area is a scenic alternative to I-90. In winter, it is the kind of trail that snowmobilers dream about. Closed to automobile traffic, it allows privileged views of frozen Skalkaho Falls, tall peaks, and deep canyons.	Hamilton, 3,572'; Skalkaho Pass, 7,260'; trails to 8,000'	58 miles

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Popular trails originating at Marias Pass are Two Medicine , Skyland , and Pike Creek . These are rugged trails on the Lewis & Clark and Flathead national forests south of Glacier Park and north of the Great Bear Wilderness. There are additional ungroomed trails in the area.	Snowmobile rentals are available at J-L Rental in Columbia Falls, 406-892-7666. Lodging and food are available at Snow Slip Inn, 406-226-9381; Half-Way House, 406-888-5650; and East Glacier Park, 12 miles east.	Cut Bank Snowgoers, Box 301, Cut Bank, MT 59427. Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce, Box 1243, Cut Bank, MT 59427, 406-873-4041. Web: cutbankchamber.com. Lewis & Clark National Forest, 1101 15th St. N., Box 869, Great Falls, MT 59403, 406-791-7700; Rocky Mountain Ranger District, Box 340, Choteau, MT 59422, 406-466-5341
Canyon Creek to Big Mountain begins north of Columbia Falls and crosses Werner Peak to connect with the Olney Creek and Taylor Creek trails. Continuing north, the Graves Creek/Mount Marston trail system goes over the Whitefish Mountain Range to upper Whitefish and Red Meadow lakes. Between Hungry Horse and the Great Bear Wilderness is the Desert Mountain area and south of Bigfork, between Flathead Lake and Swan Lake, are the Crane Mountain and Allard areas.	The Flathead Valley offers a full range of visitor services, including snowmobile sales, service, and rentals. Guided tours may be arranged through the Flathead Snowmobile Association. Great lodging facilities are located in each community and range from bed & breakfasts, cabins, condos, lodges, and ranches to small, independent motels and deluxe, full-service hotels/convention centers.	Flathead Convention & Visitor Bureau (FCVB), 15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901, 800-543-3105. Web: fcvb.org. Call the FCVB for a free trail guide and information on Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, Whitefish, Flathead Snowmobile Association, South Fork Snowmobile Association, and Flathead National Forest.
In Haugan, popular groomed trails on the Lolo National Forest are Ford Hill/Old Mullan Pass, Packer Creek/Randolph Creek, Milwaukee/Dominion, Big Creek, Deer Creek/Up Up, and Taft Summit. These are easy-to-intermediate trails that follow travel routes and provide loop tours.	Food and lodging are available in De Borgia, Haugan, Saltese, and Thompson Falls. Fuel is available in Haugan, St. Regis, and Thompson Falls only. Limited snowmobile service in Thompson Falls.	Montana Nightriders Snowmobile Club, Box 420035, Haugan, MT 59842, 406-678-4242; Superior Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, Box 460, Superior, MT 59872, 406-822-4233; Thompson Falls Chamber of Commerce, Box 493, Thompson Falls, MT 59873, 406-827-4930. Web link through http://mtsnow.org
Several groomed trails are available throughout Kootenai Country. Of special note is the rugged Keeler-Rattle trail system, giving views of the Cabinet Mountains Wilderness and the proposed Scotchman Peaks Wilderness; the 60 miles of loop trails in the Purcell Mountains; and the Pete Creek Trail traveling into mountain bowls and alpine lakes. The Grave Creek/Ten Lakes Trail begins at the Birch Creek Recreation Site parking facility and leads into the northeast corner of Kootenai Country.	Food and lodging facilities are available in Libby, Troy, Yaak, Eureka, Fortine, and Trego. Snowmobile services and sales are available in Eureka and Libby.	Libby Ranger Dist., Kootenai N'l. Forest, 12557 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-7773; Three Rivers Ranger Dist., Kootenai N'l. Forest, 1437 N. US 2, Troy, MT 59935, 406-295-4693; Fortine Ranger Dist., Box 116, Fortine, MT 59918, 406-882-4451; Rexford Ranger Dist., Kootenai N'l. Forest, 1299 US 93 N., Eureka, MT 59917, 406-296-2536; Libby Chamber, Box 704, Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-4167. Web: libby.org; Lincoln Cty. Sno-Kats Snowmobile Club, 1001 MT 37 N., Libby, MT 59923, 406-293-8142; Ten Lakes Snowmobile Club, Box 404, Eureka, MT 59917, 406-882-4670
A series of interconnecting loop trails straddle two national forests on the Montana-Idaho border. East Fork, Lost Park System, Elk Meadows, and Moose Ridge are just some of the trails that lead deep into the heart of the Bitterroot Range, with lots of meadows and play areas along the way.	Food, lodging, swimming, camping and snowmobile rentals are available at Lolo Hot Springs. A full range of visitor services, including snowmobile rentals, sales, and service, are available in Missoula.	Powell Ranger District, Clearwater National Forest, Lolo, MT 59847, 208-942-3113; Missoula Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, Building 24A, Fort Missoula, Missoula, MT 59801, 406-329-3750; Missoula Snowgoers, Box 2441, Missoula, MT 59806-2441; Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau, 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-6623, 800-526-3465
The Boulder Trail starts just off MT Hwy 35 near Finley Point on Flathead Lake; the first 10 miles are groomed to the top of the range, where the trail connects with nearly 60 miles of ungroomed trails through forest openings. The ungroomed Jocko Lake Trail provides a 35-mile ride over the Missions that connects with groomed trails on the Seeley Lake side.	Snowmobile sales and service are available in Ronan. The nearest rentals are in Kalispell and Columbia Falls. Guided tours may be arranged through the Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club in Ronan. A wide variety of food and lodging services are available throughout the Mission and Flathead valleys.	Mission Mountain Snowmobile Club, 112 Main St. S.W., Ronan, MT 59864, 406-676-5000
Popular trails include Double Arrow Lookout, with views of the Swan Range and Clearwater Valley; Elsin Lake, site of Sunday cookouts with the Seeley Lake Driftriders Snowmobile Club; Seeley Lake-Ovando, a favorite for those who like to dine and dash, and Marshall Lake, a scenic 15-mile loop.	Snowmobile sales, service, guides, and rentals, plus lodging and food are available in Seeley Lake. Limited services are available on the trail.	Seeley Lake Ranger District, Lolo National Forest, HC 31, Box 3200, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2233; Seeley Lake Driftriders, Box 174, Seeley Lake, MT 59868; Seeley Lake Area Chamber of Commerce, Box 516, Seeley Lake, MT 59868, 406-677-2880. Web: www.seeleylakechamber.com ; Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau, 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802, 406-543-6623. Web: www.missoulachamber.com
The Skalkaho Pass area offers 26 miles of groomed trails. From there, open areas and ungroomed trails offer a wide variety of terrain for all skill levels. The Skalkaho-Sleeping Child-Rye Creek area has 32 miles of groomed trails, looping through higher elevations, through a burned area and back to the head of Rye Creek. The loop can also be entered from Rye Creek, south of Darby.	Snowmobile sales, service, and rentals are available in Hamilton. A wide variety of food and lodging is available in Hamilton and throughout the Bitterroot Valley.	Bitterroot National Forest Office, 1801 N. 1st St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-7100; Darby Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest, Box 388, Darby, MT 59829, 406-821-3913; Bitterroot Chamber of Commerce, 105 E. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-2400. Web: www.bvchamber.com ; Bitterroot Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club, Box 265, Hamilton, MT 59840, 406-363-4689. Web: www.ridgerunners.org

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DEER LODGE 	Deer Lodge is 80 miles east of Missoula and 40 miles west of Butte in westcentral Montana. Accessed from I-90. Nearest airport is Butte.	By the Clark Fork River on I-90 in a long valley between snow-covered mountains is the historic city of Deer Lodge. This easily accessible area is a hit with family groups as well as those looking for adventure. Enjoy wide open spaces under a big blue sky.	5,300' at the trailhead; trails to 8,000'	59 miles
DILLON/ POLARIS 	33 miles northwest of Dillon, off Hwy 278, in southwest Montana. May be reached from the north from MT Hwy 43. Nearest airport is Butte, about one hour north on I-15. Daily north-south bus service to Dillon.	One of Montana's better-kept secrets lies in the pristine mountain valleys in the southwest corner of the state. The mountains are the Pioneers and the place is the Grasshopper and Big Hole valleys region. The trail system follows a scenic route between Wise River and the Grasshopper Valley, a designated National Forest Scenic Byway.	Dillon, 5,100'; trails to 8,400'	200 miles
GARNET 	The ghost town is about 30 miles east of Missoula and can be reached from either MT Hwy 200 or I-90. Nearest airport is Missoula.	More than a century ago, Garnet was a prosperous gold mining town that boasted a dozen saloons, numerous hotels, brothels, stores, blacksmith shops, and homes for more than a thousand residents. Today, thanks to the Garnet Preservation Association and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, a 116-mile trail system has opened the town to snowmobilers and skiers, providing a link to an important era in the development of the Rocky Mountain West. Enjoy spectacular views of the Blackfoot Valley, the Mission Mountains, the Bob Marshall Wilderness, and the Pintler Range. Web: garnetghosttown.org	4,200' at the trailhead; trails to 7,000'	116 miles
GEORGETOWN LAKE 	Pintler Scenic Route (MT Hwy 1 between Drummond and Anaconda, off I-90 in southwest Montana). Nearest airports are Butte, 50 miles east on I-90 and Missoula, 80 miles west on I-90.	One of Montana's most popular lakes is the centerpiece of a winter sports area that offers snowmobiling, ice fishing, and downhill and cross-country skiing. On the Pintler Scenic Route, Georgetown Lake is surrounded by mountains and wilderness. There's an abundance of silver salmon in Georgetown Lake, fun at nearby downhill slopes, Nordic trails, and mineral hot springs swimming pools.	Georgetown, 6,400'; trails to 9,000'	140 miles
HELENA 	Helena is at the junction of I-15, US Hwy 12 and US Hwy 287, on the east slope of the Rockies in western Montana. Fly into Helena or drive I-15 or US 287 north-south or US 12 east-west.	Visitors return again and again just to explore the mountains and trails within an hour's drive of the city. Extending from Helena in nearly every direction are 245 miles of trails leading to ghost towns and high mountain ridges and lakes, plus unlimited exploring on thousands of acres of national forest.	Helena, 4,000'; trails to 8,000'	245 miles
LINCOLN 	Lincoln is midway between Great Falls and Missoula on MT Hwy 200. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 90 miles northeast, Missoula, 80 miles west, and Helena, 60 miles southeast on Hwy 279.	Start your weekend with a cup of coffee or cocoa at the Snow Warriors' clubhouse, then explore more than 250 miles of groomed trails and unlimited play areas. Eight major trails start right in town where sledding is permitted on roadway shoulders. Most trails are lightly traveled, with breathtaking views around every turn. Deer, elk, and an occasional moose may be seen.	Lincoln, 4,575'; trails to 8,200'	250 miles
VIRGINIA CITY/ENNIS 	Ennis is on US Hwy 287, 45 miles south of I-90 and 70 miles north of Yellowstone National Park, in southwest Montana. Virginia City is 14 miles west of Ennis on US 287.	One of Montana's most popular summer attractions, the restored gold mining camp of Virginia City is a treasure in winter. An 1863 gold strike lured thousands of fortune seekers to its main street, Alder Gulch. Sledding is permitted in town and building tours may be arranged for groups. Within sledding distance of town is a trail system that opens up the Gravelly Range.	Virginia City, 5,822'; trails to 8,000'	130 miles
WISDOM/ JACKSON/SULA 	Junction of MT Hwy 43 and Hwy 278, west of I-15, in extreme southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Butte.	Cold, dry powder snow comes early and stays late, assuring great sledding. If you seek challenge and solitude and don't mind sharing the trails with moose, elk, and other wintering wildlife, Wisdom is the place for you. There are friendly folks in town to keep you company after the sun goes down, plus hot springs resorts and downhill and cross-country skiing nearby.	Wisdom, 6,058'; trails to 7,500'	150 miles

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The snowmobile trailhead is 8 miles southeast of the city center and has ample parking. 91.5 miles of marked and groomed trails lead to Champion Pass, the Continental Divide, Leadville, White House Campground, and other points of interest.	Food, lodging, fuel, and vehicle service are available in Deer Lodge. Snowmobile service and rentals are in Butte, 40 miles east.	Pintler Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , #1 Hollenback Rd., Deer Lodge, MT 59722. 406-846-1770; Deer Lodge Snowmobile Club , Box 44, Deer Lodge, MT 59722. Web link through http://mtsnow.org
Trails lead to the ghost town of Coolidge and the Elkhorn Mine. Major groomed trails heading west tie into the Wisdom/Jackson trail system at Bear Lake (see Wisdom/Jackson) and head north to the Wise River trail system (see Wise River). Heading south to Reservoir Lake you can join the trails of the Salmon, Idaho snowmobiling club.	Food, lodging, fuel, guide service, and snowmobile and clothing rentals are available in Polaris. Food, lodging, fuel, and snowmobile sales and service are available in Dillon. Rental Forest Service cabins are at Bear and Reservoir lakes. Cross-country ski trails and downhill skiing are nearby.	Dillon Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , 420 Barrett Street, Dillon, MT 59725. 406-683-3900; Beaverhead Sno-Riders , Box 867, Dillon, MT 59725. 406-683-6333 or 406-683-2205
The core of this trail system is the 31.5-mile Garnet National Winter Recreation Trail , which takes snowmobilers and skiers into the heart of the ghost town and the surrounding area. Secondary trails, including First Chance Gulch , Top O'Deep , and Chamberlain Creek , take recreationists to higher elevations.	There are no commercial services in Garnet. Cabin rentals are available (during winter only) through the Garnet Preservation Association. A full range of services including snowmobile sales, rentals, and service are available in Missoula, 30 miles west on MT Hwy 200, and at Seeley Lake. Food and lodging are also available in Drummond off I-90 south of Garnet. Winter groups of 10 or more may find lodging at Lubrecht Forest next to the MT 200 trailhead. 406-244-5524.	Missoula Field Office, Bureau of Land Management , 3255 Fort Missoula Rd., Missoula, MT 59804. 406-329-3914; Garnet Preservation Association , 3255 Fort Missoula Rd., Missoula, MT 59804. 406-329-1031; Missoula Convention & Visitors Bureau , 825 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802. 406-543-6623. 800-526-3465. Web: www.missoulachamber.com
Three major trail systems include East Fork , west of Georgetown Lake, which offers popular family snowmobiling with views of the Anaconda Pintler Mountains; Red Lion , east of Georgetown Lake, which offers more challenging riding with an ever-present deep snowpack; and Blodgett , south of Georgetown Lake, which offers family touring with a snow shelter for picnics and cookouts. Other popular trails include Peterson Meadows , Montgomery Ridge , Windy Ridge , Storm Lake , Happy Creek , Warm Springs , and Hidden Lake .	Snowmobile sales and service are available in nearby Philipsburg and Anaconda. Fuel, food, and lodging are available at Georgetown Lake and in Philipsburg and Anaconda.	Pintler Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , 88 10-A Business Loop, Philipsburg, MT 59858. 406-859-3211; Anaconda Snowmobile Club , 202 Warren St., Anaconda, MT 59711. 406-563-3177
There are three major trail systems, all within a 30-minute drive of Helena. The Marysville area has 45 miles of groomed trails. Just 10 miles from Helena is the Minnehaha-Rimini area with 120 miles of groomed trails. Northeast of Helena, there are 45 miles of groomed trails in the Magpie-Sunshine area that include inspiring views of the Gates of the Mountains Wilderness.	Snowmobile sales, service, and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in Helena. Guided tours may be arranged through the Helena Snowdrifters Snowmobile Club.	Helena Ranger District, Helena National Forest , 2001 Poplar, Helena, MT 59601. 406-449-5490; Helena Snowdrifters , Box 5505, Helena, MT 59604. 406-227-8111 or 406-458-6538; Helena Chamber of Commerce , 225 Cruse Ave., Helena, MT 59601. 406-442-4120. Web: helenachamber.com
Popular trails include scenic Huckleberry Pass , a tree-lined route with several play areas, which connects to the Seeley Lake trail system; Keep Cool , a scenic lake tour; Stonewall Mountain , an advanced ride with spectacular views; Dalton Mountain , an easy trail with play areas; and Alice Creek , scenic territory with play areas. There are a few restricted areas, lots of play areas, and plenty of variety for all skill levels.	Snowmobile sales, service, rentals, licensed guide services, lodging, food, and fuel are all available in Lincoln. Join the Ponderosa Snow Warriors Snowmobile Club at their heated clubhouse for poker runs, moonlight rides, and picnics all season long. Cross-country skiing is nearby.	Lincoln Ranger District, Helena National Forest , Box 785, Lincoln, MT 59639. 406-369-4140; Ponderosa Snow Warriors , Box 955, Lincoln, MT 59639. 406-362-4078 or 406-362-4335; Lincoln Chamber of Commerce , PO Box 985, Lincoln, MT 59639. 406-362-4949
Three snow trail systems provide access to the Gravelly Range in the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. The trail from Virginia City follows Alder Gulch through the ghost town of Summit City. A 50-mile loop trail from Lyons Bridge off US Hwy 287 takes more experienced riders to the spine of the Gravelly Range, while an easier route through Antelope Basin provides access to resorts at Elk and Cliff lakes. In the Tobacco Root Range, north of Ennis, a 12-mile groomed trail brings sledders to 7 high mountain lakes in the North Meadow Creek area.	Food, fuel, and lodging are available in Ennis. Bed & breakfast accommodations are available in Virginia City.	Madison Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , 5 Forest Service Rd., Ennis, MT 59729. 406-682-4253; Vigilante Snowmobilers , Box 145, Virginia City, MT 59755. 406-843-5484 or 406-682-7755
Join the popular Wise River-Polaris Trail (see Dillon/Polaris) and Wise River trails (see Wise River) or the Steel Creek trails just east of Wisdom, or head west on the Gibbonsville Road , which continues all the way to Salmon, Idaho. The Placer Creek Trail crosses the Continental Divide near Lost Trail Pass and drops into the Bitterroot Valley. Snowmobilers will also enjoy the Stewart Meadow Complex in this system.	Food, lodging, and fuel are available in Wisdom and Jackson. Snowmobile sales and service are in Jackson.	Wisdom Ranger District, Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest , Box 238, Wisdom, MT 59761. 406-689-3243; Big Hole Snowmobile Club , Box 141, Wisdom, MT 59761. 406-689-3400; Sula Ranger District, Bitterroot National Forest , 7338 US 93 S Sula, MT 59871. 406-821-3201

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WISE RIVER 17	MT Hwy 43, 12 miles west of I-15 between Butte and Dillon. Nearest airport is Butte.	In December, snow transforms these mountains and river valleys into a giant snowmobile park. Choose one of the many trails within the system, rent a cabin at the end of the trail, or ride your snowmobile to nearby Maverick Mountain for an afternoon of downhill skiing. Snowmobiling is permitted in the town of Wise River. The Wise River-Elkhorn Hot Spring National Recreation Snowmobile Trail connects Wise River with the Grasshopper Valley.	Wise River, 5,500'; trails to 9,400'	150 miles
ELK PARK 18	Elk Park is minutes from Butte. Butte is at the junction of I-90 and I-15. Use either highway or fly into Bert-Mooney Airport.	Nestled on the Continental Divide, Elk Park is just minutes from Butte and offers some of southwest Montana's best snowmobiling. The Elk Park trail system provides spectacular views and easy access for families and people of all ages. The trail system ties into the Deer Lodge trail system for additional riding opportunities.	Butte, 5,200'; Elk Park, 6,500'	38 miles
BIG TIMBER 19	I-90 between Bozeman and Billings in southcentral Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, 60 miles west.	Glide along a river, through a canyon to the old mining town of Independence, and over 25 miles of groomed trails south of Big Timber in the scenic Boulder River Valley. Surrounded on three sides by designated wilderness, the Boulder Canyon Trail follows a beautiful roaded corridor that divides the towering peaks of the Absaroka and Beartooth ranges.	Big Timber, 4,072'; trails to 9,000'	34 miles
BOZEMAN/ BIG SKY 20	Southwest Montana on I-90 between Billings and Butte. Fly into Bozeman. Drive I-90 east-west or US Hwy 191/287 north-south.	Bozeman is perfectly located for the winter sports lover. Close to snowmobiling in Yellowstone National Park and within minutes of some of Montana's finest downhill and cross-country skiing, Bozeman is a prime winter destination. The park lies just 90 miles south through the scenic Gallatin River Canyon. You can sled most of the way on the popular Big Sky Snowmobile Trail.	Bozeman, 4,755'; trails to 9,500'	200 miles
COOKE CITY/ SILVER GATE/ GARDINER 21	Extreme southcentral Montana on US Hwy 212. Nearest airport from Cooke City is Bozeman, 140 miles north-west on I-90, US Hwy 89, and Mammoth-Cooke City Highway. Car access is through northern Yellowstone National Park. US 212, east of Cooke City, is closed in winter. Gardiner is on US 89 north of Yellowstone.	Gateway to Yellowstone and the spectacular Beartooth high country, Cooke City/Silver Gate enjoys perhaps the longest winter sports season in Montana. These friendly communities consist of "80 people, dogs, moose, and an occasional bison." The makers of both Yamaha and Arctic Cat snowmobiles have chosen the area as a test site and promotional film location for their machines. Gardiner, located at the North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, provides easy access to park trails.	Cooke City, 7,600'; trails to 10,000'	60 miles
LIVINGSTON 22	Junction of I-90 and US Hwy 89 in southwest Montana. Nearest airport is Bozeman, about 30 minutes west of Livingston on I-90.	Two of Montana's most spectacular mountain ranges—the Absarokas and the Crazies—provide a majestic setting for the Yellowstone River community of Livingston. Winter recreationists are equally drawn to the forested canyons.	Livingston, 4,489'; trails to 7,800'	44.5 miles
WEST YELLOWSTONE 23	West Yellowstone is at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park at the junction of US Hwy 191/287 and US Hwy 20. Nearest airport is Bozeman.	West Yellowstone tops every snowmobiler's dream list of places to go. The trail system begins right in town, where snowmobilers share city streets with motorists. Choose from 180 miles of groomed trails inside the park or 400 miles outside.	West Yellowstone, 6,666'; trails to 10,000'	580 miles
KINGS HILL/ LITTLE BELTS 24	US Hwy 89 between Great Falls and White Sulphur Springs in central Montana. Nearest airports are Great Falls, 65 miles north and Helena, 110 miles southwest on US Hwy 89 and 12.	With plenty of space, an abundance of powder, and miles of separate trails, Kings Hill is one of Montana's most popular sports areas. Showdown, Silver Crest cross-country ski area, and the trailheads to more than 200 miles of groomed snowmobile trails are all within a mile of one another in the Little Belt Mountains 65 miles south of Great Falls. Great hill climbing and challenging ungroomed trails await more experienced snowmobilers, with gentle groomed loops set up for the new riders and the families who enjoy getting out to ride in the clear crisp air of our beautiful Big Sky Country.	7,000' at parking lot; trails 6,000' to 8,000'	325 miles

TRAILS	SERVICES	CONTACTS
Trails include Quartz Hill , leading to a massive, high plateau and Anderson Meadows , which leads to backcountry lakes and meadow play areas. Lacy Creek has 10 miles of groomed and ungroomed trails to five high mountain lakes. Long Tom has open areas and 11 miles of groomed trails and leads to the Long Tom Cabin, a warming hut. Mt. Haggin has 15 miles of groomed trails leading to large play areas at high elevation.	Snowmobile service is available in Wise River. Fuel, food, and lodging are in Wise River and on the Wise River-Polaris trail. Guided tours may be arranged through the Wise River Jackpine Savages Snowmobile Club.	Wise River Ranger District , Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, Box 100, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3178; Wise River Jackpine Savages , Box 65, Wise River, MT 59762, 406-832-3258
Elk Park trails offer a 38-mile loop through the Lowlands and Lockhart areas with groomed family trails and some open play areas. This loop connects with the Deer Lodge trail system for extended riding areas. A convenient parking area with easy access is just 2 miles off I-15.	All services are available in Butte, including hotels, motels, restaurants, entertainment, and shopping. Full-service dealerships for all major brands are waiting to serve you in Butte. Rentals are available in the Georgetown Lake area.	Butte Ranger District , Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest, 1820 Meadowlark, Butte, MT 59701, 406-494-2147; Jefferson Ranger District , 3 Whitehall Rd., Whitehall, MT 59759; Mining City Trail Riders , 2902 Harrison, Butte, MT 59701, 406-494-6022
Two trails provide plenty of variety in the Gallatin National Forest south of Big Timber. The 25-mile Boulder Canyon Trail takes snowmobilers to bowls, meadows, and the abandoned mining town of Independence. The upper 7 miles are moderate to difficult. Shorter and easier is the East Boulder-Dry Fork Trail with extensive play areas along its 7-mile length.	Snowmobile sales and service, food, and lodging are available in Big Timber.	Big Timber Ranger District , Gallatin National Forest, Box 196, Big Timber, MT 59011, 406-932-5155; Sweet Grass County Recreation Association , Box 922, Big Timber, MT 59011, 406-932-4266
Included in the system is the 120-mile Big Sky Snowmobile Trail between Bozeman and West Yellowstone. Five access routes make shorter loops for easier rides. Buck Creek Ridge , off US Hwy 191 south of Big Sky, provides miles of excellent play areas. North of town are the Brckett-Fairy Lake and Olsen Creek-Bangtail Ridge trails.	A full range of services is available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon. Lodging and food range from modest to elegant. All makes of snowmobiles are sold and serviced. Rentals are available in Bozeman and the Gallatin Canyon at Big Sky. Guided tours can be arranged through rental operators or the Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association.	Bozeman Ranger District , Gallatin National Forest, 3710 Fallon St., Suite C, Bozeman, MT 59718, 406-522-2520; Gallatin Valley Snowmobile Association , Box 3164, Bozeman, MT 59772, 406-763-4387; Bozeman Area Chamber of Commerce , 2000 Commerce Dr., Bozeman, MT 59715, 800-228-4224 or 406-586-5421, Web: bozemanchamber.com; Big Sky Chamber of Commerce , Box 160100, Big Sky, MT 59716, 800-943-4111 or 406-995-3000, Web: www.bigskychamber.com
Popular connecting trails are Daisy Pass Road , Lulu Pass Road , Round Lake , and Henderson Mountain . The Cooke City trail system connects with 50 miles of groomed trails in Wyoming. All Yellowstone National Park roads except Mammoth to Cooke City and Canyon to Tower are open to snowmobiles.	Snowmobile sales, service, and rentals, lodging, and food are available in Cooke City and Gardiner. Guided tours may be arranged through the Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club. Inside the park, lodging, food, and fuel are available.	Gardiner Ranger District , Gallatin National Forest, Box 5, Gardiner, MT 59030, 406-848-7375; Yellowstone National Park , WY 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206, Web: www.nps.gov/yell/; Upper Yellowstone Snowmobile Club , Box 39, Silver Gate, MT 59081, 406-838-2212 or 406-838-2414; Cooke City/Silver Gate Chamber of Commerce , Box 1071, Cooke City, MT 59020, 406-838-2495; Gardiner Chamber of Commerce , Box 81, Gardiner, MT 59030, 406-848-7971
Trails include the 20-mile Shields Loop , with Forest Service cabin rental nearby; the 7.5-mile Cottonwood Trail ; the Ibex Cabin Trail , also with Forest Service cabin rental; and the Mill Creek and the Rock Creek South , with trails for a variety of skill levels.	Snowmobile sales, service, and rentals, plus a full range of food and lodging are available in Livingston and Gardiner, about an hour south of Livingston on US Hwy 89. For trail information, contact the Big Sky Snowriders Snowmobile Club.	Livingston Ranger District , Gallatin National Forest, 5242 US 89 S., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-1892; Big Sky Snowriders , 318 S. 5th St., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-1863 or 406-222-2676; Livingston Chamber of Commerce , 208 W. Park St., Livingston, MT 59047, 406-222-0850, Web: livingston.avicom.net
All Yellowstone National Park roads except Mammoth to Cooke City and Canyon to Tower are open to snowmobiles. Ride from West Yellowstone to the lower Grand Loop , which takes you to Old Faithful, Yellowstone Lake, Norris Geyser Basin, and many other of the park's favorite attractions. There are also hundreds of miles of trails in the Gallatin, Beaverhead-Deerlodge, and Targhee national forests in this system.	Snowmobile sales, service, and rentals, plus a full range of lodging and food services are available in West Yellowstone and Gardiner. Guided tours and packages are also available. Inside the park, lodging, food, and fuel are available.	West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce , Box 458, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-646-7701, Web: westyellowstonechamber.com; Hebgen Lake Ranger District , Gallatin National Forest, Box 520, West Yellowstone, MT 59758, 406-823-6961; Yellowstone National Park , WY 82190, 307-344-7381, ext. 2206, Web: www.nps.gov/yell/
Popular loop trails are Kings Hill , Higgins Park , Moose Mountain , and Divide Road (Big A Loop) , all with big powder play areas and unforgettable panoramic views. Other popular trails are Deadman , Lamb Creek , and Jumping Creek . Joining Kings Hill from the east is the Judith Trail System .	Snowmobile sales and service, plus food and lodging are in Great Falls, Lewistown, and White Sulphur Springs. Snowmobile rentals and lunch are at Showdown. Fuel, food, and lodging are in Lewistown, Monarch, and Neihart. Guided tours available. A large parking area, the Kings Hill Winter Recreation parking lot, is available on US Hwy 89, as well as other overflow parking in the area.	Kings Hill Ranger District , Lewis & Clark National Forest, 204 W. Folsom, Box A, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645, 406-547-3361; Great Falls Snowmobile Club , Box 6032, Great Falls, MT 59406; Little Belt Snowmobile Club , Box 213, Hobson, MT 59452 or Clint Dahlhausen, HC 90, Box 85, Moccasin, MT 59462, 406-423-5570, e-mail: csdahl@tcc-cmc.net; Meagher County Little Belters Snowmobile Club , Box 315, White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645, 406-547-2330, e-mail: mclbsnowclub@yahoo.com

Snowmobiling information in this guide was provided by the following: Bureau of Land Management, 5001 Southgate Dr., Billings, MT 59107, 406-896-5000; Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701, 406-444-2535; Montana Snowmobile Association, 13229 MT Hwy 200, Fort Shaw, MT 59443; U.S.D.A. Forest Service-Northern Region, Federal Building, PO Box 7669, Missoula, MT 59807, 406-329-3511.



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SEASON

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TRAILS

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LOCATION

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SEASON

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9975 West Fork Rd., Darby, MT 59829
406-349-2464
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GARDINER

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PO Box 268, Gardiner, MT 59030
800-228-5150 or 406-848-7536
Fax: 406-848-7062
E-mail: info@yellowstonecomfortinn.com
Web: www.yellowstonecomfortinn.com

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406-848-7401, Fax: 406-848-9410
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837 Spotted Bear Rd., Martin City, MT 59926
888-307-4436 or 406-387-4436
Web: www.abbottvalley.com

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800-235-6781, E-mail: gre@glacierraftco.com
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2 Fairway Dr., Whitefish, MT 59937
877-862-1505 or 406-862-3000
Fax: 406-862-0326
E-mail: info@montanasfinest.com
Web: www.montanafinest.com

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775 Carter Dr., Helena, MT 59601
406-443-5800, Fax: 406-449-2592
E-mail: rcarroll@thehotelgroup.com
Web: hamptoninn.com

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406-755-3798, Fax: 406-752-1304
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Web: www.bestinn.com

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Web: www.montanasnowbowl.com

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Web: www.yellowstonefairfieldinn.com

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Web: www.yellowstoneinn.com

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Avalanche Safety

Avalanche is a real and present danger. Carry and know how to use avalanche equipment, including transceivers, probe poles, and shovels. A wall of moving, suffocating snow leaves few survivors in its wake. The best way to avoid an avalanche is to understand avalanche conditions and re-route your trip to avoid them. Avalanches occur when loose snow or a slab of snow starts moving down a slope. They are triggered by a variety of slope, snow, and weather conditions; many times they are triggered by human impact. Slope conditions to watch out for are steep slopes or smooth, open slopes. Short slopes can be as dangerous as long ones. Leeward slopes are dangerous because wind-deposited snow adds depth and may create unstable slabs of snow.

Avoid avalanches by staying away from mountainous terrain after heavy snowfall or

prolonged periods of high wind. Avoid crossing steep side hills or entering narrow, steeply sided canyons. The safest routes are on ridgetops and on the windward side, away from cornices. The next safest route is out in the valley, far from the bottom of a slope.

IF YOU ARE CAUGHT IN AN AVALANCHE:

- Call out so other members of your party can track your location.
- If snowmobiling, discard all equipment and get away from your snowmobile.
- Make swimming motions and try to stay on top; work your way to the side of the avalanche.
- As you feel the avalanche slow, try to thrust your hand, other part of your body, or ski pole above the surface.
- Before the snow settles, slip your arm in front of your face to clear an air space.
- Try not to panic; you need to conserve oxygen.

IF YOU ARE A SURVIVOR, YOU ARE A VICTIM'S BEST HOPE OF SURVIVAL.

- Mark the place where you last saw the victim and keep your eyes fixed on the moving mass of snow in which he or she is trapped.
- Search for the victim directly downslope from the last sighted area when the snow stops moving.

- Use a ski pole or stick to probe the snow.
- Stay with the victim unless help is only a few minutes away; after 30 minutes, the victim has only a 50 percent chance of survival.
- If the victim is found, treat for hypothermia, suffocation, and shock.

Avalanches may occur at any time during the winter. Avalanche conditions are available at local Forest Service offices.

AVALANCHE ADVISORY

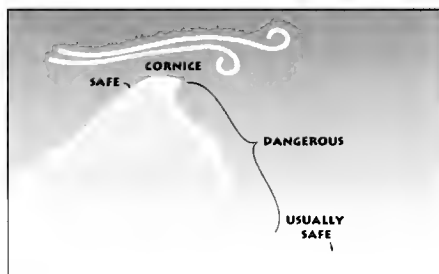
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Web: www.glacieravalanche.org

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Travel Advice from Montana's Snowplow Drivers

Montana keeps highways open throughout the winter, but travelers face tough conditions at times. Montana's snowplow drivers offer this advice:

VISIBILITY

See and be seen. Keep your headlights and tail lights clean, especially in stormy weather. Keep windows clean and make sure defrosters work well. If snow has built up on your vehicle overnight or after a break from driving, clear it away so it doesn't blow off and obscure your windows.

COMMON SENSE

Leave plenty of room between your vehicle and those around you. Drive defensively. Don't assume the other vehicle can or will stop at intersections. Test the road. Don't wait until you have to stop to test your traction. Watch for a safe place and then gently test your brakes. If road conditions seem to have changed, look for a safe place and test braking again.

PATIENCE

Give yourself extra time to travel in winter. Being in a hurry in a storm or on icy roads is sure to get you in trouble. Passing when you can't see ahead and driving too fast for road conditions cause serious accidents in Montana each year.

Finally, leave the cruise control off for winter driving. It can accelerate your vehicle just as you hit a patch of ice or a slippery bridge deck.

Always be prepared with road and weather information before you set out on your way. Call 800-226-ROAD (7623) from the U.S. or Canada for current Montana road and weather conditions.

WEATHER REPORTS

- MISSOULA (northwest Montana)406-329-4840
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